

# WEIL-PETERSSON METRIC ON THE UNIVERSAL TEICHMÜLLER SPACE II. KÄHLER POTENTIAL AND PERIOD MAPPING

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**ABSTRACT.** We study the Hilbert manifold structure on  $T_0(1)$  — the connected component of the identity of the Hilbert manifold  $T(1)$ . We characterize points on  $T_0(1)$  in terms of Bers and pre-Bers embeddings, and prove that the Grunsky operators  $B_1$  and  $B_4$ , associated with the points in  $T_0(1)$  via conformal welding, are Hilbert-Schmidt. We define a “universal Liouville action” — a real-valued function  $S_1$  on  $T_0(1)$ , and prove that it is a Kähler potential of the Weil-Petersson metric on  $T_0(1)$ . We also prove that  $S_1$  is  $-\frac{1}{12\pi}$  times the logarithm of the Fredholm determinant of associated quasi-circle, which generalizes classical results of Schiffer and Hawley. We define the universal period mapping  $\hat{\mathcal{P}} : T(1) \rightarrow \mathcal{B}(\ell^2)$  of  $T(1)$  into the Banach space of bounded operators on the Hilbert space  $\ell^2$ , prove that  $\hat{\mathcal{P}}$  is a holomorphic mapping of Banach manifolds, and show that  $\hat{\mathcal{P}}$  coincides with the period mapping introduced by Kurilov and Yuriev and Nag and Sullivan. We prove that the restriction of  $\hat{\mathcal{P}}$  to  $T_0(1)$  is an inclusion of  $T_0(1)$  into the Segal-Wilson universal Grassmannian, which is a holomorphic mapping of Hilbert manifolds. We also prove that the image of the topological group  $S$  of symmetric homeomorphisms of  $S^1$  under the mapping  $\hat{\mathcal{P}}$  consists of compact operators on  $\ell^2$ .

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

This is the second part of our paper [TT03b], which will be referred to as Part I. Here we continue our investigation of the Weil-Petersson metric on the universal Teichmüller space  $T(1)$ . Namely, we study in detail the Hilbert manifold structure of  $T(1)$  and establish relations between the Hilbert submanifold  $T_0(1)$  — the connected component of the identity in  $T(1)$ , and classical Grunsky operators  $B_l$ ,  $l = 1, 2, 3, 4$ , associated with the conformal welding. In Part I, we have described the image of  $T_0(1)$  under the Bers embedding  $\beta : T(1) \rightarrow A_\infty(\mathbb{D})$ . Here we characterize  $T_0(1)$  in terms of the pre-Bers embedding  $\hat{\beta} : T(1) \rightarrow A_\infty^1(\mathbb{D})$  and prove that the Grunsky operators  $B_1$  and  $B_4$  associated with the points in  $T_0(1)$  are Hilbert-Schmidt. We establish the relation between eigenvalues of Grunsky operators and classical Fredholm eigenvalues, generalizing Schiffer's result for  $C^3$  curves [Sch81]. We prove that the logarithm of the Fredholm determinant of the operator  $I - B_1 B_1^*$  associated with points in  $T_0(1)$  (or, which is the same, of the Fredholm determinant of  $I - B_4 B_4^*$ ) is, up to a constant, a Kähler potential for the Weil-Petersson metric on  $T_0(1)$ . We prove the explicit formula for this Fredholm determinant, expressing it as the “universal Liouville action”. Using Grunsky operators, we define the universal period mapping  $\mathcal{P}$  of  $T_0(1)$  into the Hilbert space  $\mathcal{S}_2$  of Hilbert-Schmidt operators on the Hilbert space  $\ell^2$ , as well as the mapping  $\hat{\mathcal{P}}$  of  $T(1)$  into the Banach space  $\mathcal{B}(\ell^2)$  of bounded operators on  $\ell^2$ . We prove that  $\mathcal{P}$  and  $\hat{\mathcal{P}}$  are holomorphic mappings of Hilbert and Banach manifolds respectively. We show that the mapping  $\hat{\mathcal{P}}$  coincides with the period mapping, first introduced by Kirillov and Yuriev [KY88] for the homogenous space  $\text{Möb}(S^1) \setminus \text{Diff}_+(S^1)$ , studied in detail by Nag [Nag92], and then extended to  $T(1)$  by Nag and Sullivan [NS95]<sup>1</sup>. Finally, we prove that the image of the topological group  $S$  of symmetric homeomorphisms of  $S^1$  under the period mapping  $\hat{\mathcal{P}}$  is  $\mathcal{S}_\infty \cap \hat{\mathcal{P}}(T(1))$ , where  $\mathcal{S}_\infty$  is the ideal of the Banach algebra  $\mathcal{B}(\ell^2)$  consisting of compact operators on  $\ell^2$ .

Below is the detailed description of the paper. In what follows we are using notations and results from Part I; in particular, the normalization of the conformal welding for  $T(1)$ , described in Section 2.2.1, Part I. Namely, for every  $[\mu] \in T(1)$  we consider the q.c. mapping  $w_\mu$  that fixes  $-1, -i, 1$  as

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<sup>1</sup>It is explained in [Nag92] and [NS95] in what sense the mapping  $\hat{\mathcal{P}}$  generalizes the classical period mapping of compact Riemann surfaces.

an element of  $S^1 \backslash \text{Homeo}_{qs}(S^1)$ , which admits a conformal welding

$$w_\mu = g_\mu^{-1} \circ f^\mu,$$

where  $f^\mu$  and  $g_\mu$  are q.c. mappings whose restrictions on  $\mathbb{D}$  and  $\mathbb{D}^*$ , respectively, are holomorphic functions satisfying  $f^\mu(0) = 0$ ,  $(f^\mu)'(0) = 1$  and  $g_\mu(\infty) = \infty$ .

In Section 2 we characterize the univalent functions associated with the Hilbert manifold  $T_0(1)$  in terms of the Hilbert spaces  $A_2^1(\mathbb{D})$  and  $A_2^1(\mathbb{D}^*)$  of holomorphic functions on  $\mathbb{D}$  and  $\mathbb{D}^*$  respectively, square integrable with respect to the Lebesgue measure. Using the embedding  $A_2^1(\mathbb{D}) \hookrightarrow A_\infty^1(\mathbb{D})$  into the Banach space of holomorphic functions on  $\mathbb{D}$ , the Becker-Pommerenke theorem [BP78], and the characterization of the topological group  $S$  of symmetric homeomorphisms of  $S^1$  given by Gardiner and Sullivan [GS92], we prove that  $T_0(1)$  is a subgroup of  $S$ . The main result of this section is Theorem 2.12, which states that  $[\mu] \in T_0(1)$  if and only if one of the following conditions holds: (i)  $\mathcal{S}(f^\mu) \in A_2(\mathbb{D})$ ; (ii)  $\mathcal{A}(f^\mu) \in A_2^1(\mathbb{D})$ ; (iii)  $\mathcal{S}(g_\mu) \in A_2(\mathbb{D}^*)$ ; (iv)  $\mathcal{A}(g_\mu) \in A_2^1(\mathbb{D}^*)$ . Here  $\mathcal{S}(f)$  is the Schwarzian derivative of the univalent function  $f$ , and

$$\mathcal{A}(f) = \frac{f'''}{f'}.$$

This theorem allows us to introduce the “universal Liouville action” — the function  $S_1 : T_0(1) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ , defined by

$$(1.1) \quad S_1([\mu]) = \iint_{\mathbb{D}} |\mathcal{A}(f^\mu)|^2 d^2z + \iint_{\mathbb{D}^*} |\mathcal{A}(g_\mu)|^2 d^2z - 4\pi \log |g'_\mu(\infty)|.$$

In Section 3 to every  $[\mu] \in T(1)$  we assign the Grunsky operators  $B_1, B_2, B_3$  and  $B_4$ , associated with the corresponding pair  $(f^\mu, g_\mu)$  of univalent functions. The Lebesgue measure of the quasi-circle  $\mathbb{C} \setminus \{f(\mathbb{D}) \cup g(\mathbb{D}^*)\}$  is zero, so that the generalized Grunsky inequality [Hum72, Pom75] can be succinctly formulated as the unitarity of the operator  $\mathbf{B} = \begin{pmatrix} B_1 & B_2 \\ B_3 & B_4 \end{pmatrix}$  on  $\ell^2 \oplus \ell^2$ .

The main result of Section 3.1 is Theorem 3.6, which states (see Corollary 3.9) that  $[\mu] \in T_0(1)$  if and only if the corresponding Grunsky operators  $B_1(f^\mu), B_4(g_\mu) \in \mathcal{S}_2$  — the Hilbert space of Hilbert-Schmidt operators on  $\ell^2$ . In Theorem 3.10 we prove that the mapping  $\mathcal{P} : T_0(1) \rightarrow \mathcal{S}_2$ , defined by  $\mathcal{P}([\mu]) = B_1(f^\mu)$ , is a holomorphic mapping of Hilbert manifolds. Extended to the universal Teichmüller space  $T(1)$ , this defines a holomorphic mapping  $\hat{\mathcal{P}} : T(1) \rightarrow \mathcal{B}(\ell^2)$  of Banach manifolds, which we prove in Appendix B. In Section 3.2 we show that for  $[\mu] \in T_0(1)$  the eigenvalues of the corresponding trace class operators  $B_1 B_1^*$  and  $B_4 B_4^*$  are related to the eigenvalues of the classical Poincaré-Fredholm integral operator associated with the quasi-circle  $\mathcal{C} = f^\mu(S^1) = g_\mu(S^1)$ . Since for  $[\mu] \in T_0(1)$  these quasi-circles contain all  $C^3$  curves, this generalizes Schiffer’s result [Sch81]. Extending [Sch59], we introduce the Fredholm determinant  $\text{Det}_F(\mathcal{C})$  of the quasi-circle  $\mathcal{C}$  as

the Fredholm determinant  $\det(I - B_1 B_1^*) = \det(I - B_4 B_4^*)$ , and define the function  $S_2 : T_0(1) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  by

$$(1.2) \quad S_2([\mu]) = \log \text{Det}_F(f^\mu(S^1)), \quad [\mu] \in T(1).$$

In Section 3.3 we define the semi-infinite period matrices of 1-forms for natural bases of  $A_2^1(\mathbb{D})$  and  $A_2^1(\mathbb{D}^*)$ , which generalize imaginary parts of the classical period matrices for compact Riemann surfaces, and show that they correspond to the operators  $B_2 B_2^*$  and  $B_3 B_3^*$ .

In Section 4 we compute the “first variations” of the functions  $S_1$  and  $S_2$  — the  $(1,0)$ -forms  $\partial S_1$  and  $\partial S_2$ , where  $\partial$  is the  $(1,0)$ -component of the de Rham differential on the Hilbert manifold  $T_0(1)$ . Namely, we show in Theorems 4.5 and 4.1 (see Corollaries 4.9 and 4.2) that

$$(1.3) \quad \partial S_1 = 2\boldsymbol{\vartheta} \quad \text{and} \quad \partial S_2 = -\frac{1}{6\pi}\boldsymbol{\vartheta},$$

where the  $(1,0)$ -form  $\boldsymbol{\vartheta}$  on  $T_0(1)$ , under the natural isomorphism  $T_{[\mu]}^* T_0(1) \simeq A_2(\mathbb{D}^*)$ , is given by

$$(1.4) \quad \boldsymbol{\vartheta}_{[\mu]} = \mathcal{S}(g_\mu).$$

The proof of Theorem 4.1 is rather standard, whereas the proof of Theorem 4.5 relies heavily on the identity given in Lemma 4.6. The latter can be interpreted as an extension of the generalized Grunsky equality to pairs of univalent functions  $(f^\mu, g_\mu)$  for  $[\mu] \in T_0(1)$ , which we consider quite interesting. Since the functions  $S_1$  and  $S_2$  on  $T_0(1)$  both vanish at  $0 \in T_0(1)$ , from (1.3) we immediately obtain that

$$S_2 = -\frac{1}{12\pi} S_1,$$

thus expressing the Fredholm determinant as the universal Liouville action. In Corollary 4.12 and Remark 4.13 we interpret this relation as a surgery type formula for the determinants of elliptic operators on domains on the Riemann sphere  $\mathbb{P}^1$ .

In Section 5 we show that the relation (1.3) implies that the function  $S_1$  is a Kähler potential of the Weil-Petersson metric on  $T_0(1)$ . The proof goes along the same lines as in the case of finite-dimensional Teichmüller spaces [TT03a]. This explains why the function  $S_1$  is called the universal Liouville action. In Section 6 we study the period mapping  $\hat{\mathcal{P}} : T(1) \rightarrow \mathcal{B}(\ell^2)$ . We prove that it coincides with the Kirillov-Yuriev-Nag-Sullivan mapping of  $T(1)$  into the infinite-dimensional analog of Siegel disk  $\mathfrak{D}_\infty$ . We also show that the period mapping  $\mathcal{P} : T_0(1) \rightarrow \mathcal{S}_2$  gives an embedding of  $T_0(1)$  into the Segal-Wilson universal Grassmannian.

In Appendix A we study the Hilbert manifold structure on the topological group  $\mathcal{T}_0(1)$  — the pre-image of the Hilbert manifold  $T_0(1)$  under the canonical projection  $\pi : \mathcal{T}(1) \rightarrow T(1)$ . We prove in Theorem A.3 that the Bers embedding  $\beta : \mathcal{T}_0(1) \rightarrow A_2(\mathbb{D}) \oplus \mathbb{C}$  and the pre-Bers embedding  $\hat{\beta} : \mathcal{T}_0(1) \rightarrow A_2^1(\mathbb{D})$  induce the same Hilbert manifold structure on  $\mathcal{T}_0(1)$ .

This result is parallel to the one proved in the Appendix of [Teo02]. We also prove Corollaries A.4 and A.6, characterizing convergence in the Hilbert manifold topology of  $T_0(1)$ , which were used in the proof of Lemma 4.6. Finally, in Appendix B we show that  $\hat{\mathcal{P}} : T(1) \rightarrow \mathcal{B}(\ell^2)$  is a holomorphic mapping of Banach manifolds and prove that the image of the topological group  $S$  under the map  $\hat{\mathcal{P}}$  is the subset  $\mathcal{S}_\infty \cap \hat{\mathcal{P}}(T(1))$  of  $\mathcal{B}(\ell^2)$ . The properties of the tower of embedded manifolds  $T_0(1) \hookrightarrow S \hookrightarrow T(1)$  are summarized in a commutative diagram at the end of Appendix B.

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## 2. HILBERT SPACES OF UNIVALENT FUNCTIONS

It is well-known (see, e.g., Section 2.2 in Part I) that the universal Teichmüller space  $T(1)$  is isomorphic to the space  $\mathcal{D}$  of univalent functions on  $\mathbb{D}$ . Here we characterize the univalent functions associated with the Hilbert manifold  $T_0(1)$ .

In addition to the Hilbert spaces  $A_2(\mathbb{D})$  and  $A_2(\mathbb{D}^*)$ , introduced in Section 3, Part I, we define the following Hilbert spaces of holomorphic functions,

$$A_2^1(\mathbb{D}) = \left\{ \psi \text{ holomorphic on } \mathbb{D} : \|\psi\|_2^2 = \iint_{\mathbb{D}} |\psi(z)|^2 d^2z < \infty \right\},$$

$$A_2^1(\mathbb{D}^*) = \left\{ \psi \text{ holomorphic on } \mathbb{D}^* : \|\psi\|_2^2 = \iint_{\mathbb{D}^*} |\psi(z)|^2 d^2z < \infty \right\}.$$

We denote by  $\overline{A_2^1(\mathbb{D})}$  and  $\overline{A_2^1(\mathbb{D}^*)}$  the corresponding Hilbert spaces of anti-holomorphic functions.

*Remark 2.1.* Every  $\psi \in A_2^1(\mathbb{D})$  corresponds to a holomorphic 1-form  $\omega = \psi(z)dz$  on  $\mathbb{D}$  (or on  $\Gamma \backslash \mathbb{D}$  for a cofinite Fuchsian group  $\Gamma$ ) such that the  $(1, 1)$ -form  $\omega \wedge \bar{\omega}$  is integrable. Similarly, every  $\phi \in A_2(\mathbb{D})$  corresponds to a holomorphic quadratic differential  $q = \phi(z)(dz)^2$  on  $\mathbb{D}$  (or on  $\Gamma \backslash \mathbb{D}$ ) such that the  $(1, 1)$ -form  $(|\phi(z)|^2/\rho(z))dz \wedge d\bar{z}$  is integrable, so that the latter space could be also denoted by  $A_2^2(\mathbb{D})$ . We will use the same notation  $\|\cdot\|_2$  for the norms in these Hilbert spaces. To avoid confusion, in the main text we always denote elements in the spaces  $A_2$  by  $\phi$ , and elements in the spaces  $A_2^1$  by  $\psi$ .

In addition to the Banach spaces  $A_\infty(\mathbb{D})$  and  $A_\infty(\mathbb{D}^*)$  introduced in Section 2.1, Part I, we define the following Banach spaces of holomorphic functions,

$$A_\infty^1(\mathbb{D}) = \left\{ \psi \text{ holomorphic on } \mathbb{D} : \|\psi\|_\infty = \sup_{z \in \mathbb{D}} |(1 - |z|^2)\psi(z)| < \infty \right\},$$

$$A_\infty^1(\mathbb{D}^*) = \left\{ \psi \text{ holomorphic on } \mathbb{D}^* : \|\psi\|_\infty = \sup_{z \in \mathbb{D}^*} |(1 - |z|^2)\psi(z)| < \infty \right\}.$$

For a holomorphic function  $f : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  such that  $f' \neq 0$  on  $\Omega$  we set

$$\mathcal{A}(f) = \frac{f''}{f'}.$$

*Remark 2.2.* Classical distortion theorem (see e.g., [Pom75, Dur83]) implies that if  $f : \mathbb{D} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  and  $g : \mathbb{D}^* \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  are univalent functions, then  $\mathcal{A}(f) \in A_\infty^1(\mathbb{D})$  and  $\mathcal{A}(g) \in A_\infty^1(\mathbb{D}^*)$ . In [Teo02], it was shown that the Bers embedding of the universal Teichmüller curve  $\mathcal{T}(1)$  into  $A_\infty(\mathbb{D}) \oplus \mathbb{C}$  can be factorized as the composition of two holomorphic embeddings

$$\mathcal{T}(1) \rightarrow A_\infty^1(\mathbb{D}) \rightarrow A_\infty(\mathbb{D}) \oplus \mathbb{C}.$$

Here the map  $\mathcal{T}(1) \rightarrow A_\infty^1(\mathbb{D})$  is given by  $\gamma = g^{-1} \circ f \mapsto \mathcal{A}(f)$  and the map  $A_\infty^1(\mathbb{D}) \rightarrow A_\infty(\mathbb{D}) \oplus \mathbb{C}$  is defined as

$$\psi \mapsto \left( \psi_z - \frac{1}{2}\psi^2, \frac{1}{2}\psi(0) \right).$$

Similar to Lemma 3.1 in Part I, we have

**Lemma 2.3.** *The vector spaces  $A_2^1(\mathbb{D})$  and  $A_2^1(\mathbb{D}^*)$  are subspaces of  $A_\infty^1(\mathbb{D})$  and  $A_\infty^1(\mathbb{D}^*)$  respectively. The natural inclusion maps  $A_2^1(\mathbb{D}) \hookrightarrow A_\infty^1(\mathbb{D})$  and  $A_2^1(\mathbb{D}^*) \hookrightarrow A_\infty^1(\mathbb{D}^*)$  are bounded linear mappings of Banach spaces.*

*Proof.* It is sufficient to consider only the spaces of holomorphic functions on  $\mathbb{D}$ . For every  $\psi \in A_2^1(\mathbb{D})$  let  $\psi(z) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} na_n z^{n-1}$  be the power series expansion. Then

$$\|\psi\|_2^2 = \iint_{\mathbb{D}} |\psi(z)|^2 d^2 z = \pi \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n |a_n|^2,$$

and by Cauchy-Schwarz inequality, we have

$$|\psi(z)| \leq \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n |a_n| |z|^{n-1} \leq \left( \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n |a_n|^2 \right)^{1/2} \left( \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n |z|^{2n-2} \right)^{1/2}$$

for every  $z \in \mathbb{D}$ . Using

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n |z|^{2n-2} = \frac{1}{(1 - |z|^2)^2},$$

we get

$$\|\psi\|_\infty = \sup_{z \in \mathbb{D}} |(1 - |z|^2)\psi(z)| \leq \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi}} \|\psi\|_2.$$

□

Similar to Remark 3.2 in Part I, we get

**Corollary 2.4.** *For every  $\psi \in A_2^1(\mathbb{D})$ ,*

$$\lim_{|z| \rightarrow 1^-} (1 - |z|^2)\psi(z) = 0.$$

*Similar statement holds for every  $\psi \in A_2^1(\mathbb{D}^*)$ .*

For a holomorphic function  $f : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  set

$$\Psi(f) = f_z - \frac{1}{2}f^2.$$

If  $f' \neq 0$  on  $\Omega$ , then  $\mathcal{S}(f) = (\Psi \circ \mathcal{A})(f)$ , where  $\mathcal{S}(f)$  is the Schwarzian derivative of  $f$ . In [Teo02] it was proved that  $\Psi(A_\infty^1(\mathbb{D})) \subset A_\infty(\mathbb{D})$  and  $\Psi(A_\infty^1(\mathbb{D}^*)) \subset A_\infty(\mathbb{D}^*)$ . Similarly, we have the following result.

**Lemma 2.5.**  $\Psi(A_2^1(\mathbb{D})) \subset A_2(\mathbb{D})$  and  $\Psi(A_2^1(\mathbb{D}^*)) \subset A_2(\mathbb{D}^*)$ .

*Proof.* Again it is sufficient to consider functions on  $\mathbb{D}$ . For  $\psi = \sum_{n=1}^\infty na_n z^{n-1} \in A_2^1(\mathbb{D})$  we have

$$\iint_{\mathbb{D}} |\Psi(\psi)|^2 \rho(z)^{-1} d^2 z \leq 2 \iint_{\mathbb{D}} |\psi_z(z)|^2 \rho(z)^{-1} d^2 z + \frac{1}{2} \iint_{\mathbb{D}} |\psi(z)|^4 \rho(z)^{-1} d^2 z.$$

For the first term, a straightforward computation gives

$$\iint_{\mathbb{D}} |\psi_z(z)|^2 \rho(z)^{-1} d^2 z = \frac{\pi}{2} \sum_{n=2}^\infty \frac{n(n-1)}{n+1} |a_n|^2 < \frac{1}{2} \|\psi\|_2^2 < \infty.$$

For the second term, since  $\psi \in A_\infty^1(\mathbb{D})$ , we have

$$\iint_{\mathbb{D}} \rho(z)^{-1} |\psi(z)|^4 d^2 z \leq \frac{1}{4} \|\psi\|_\infty^2 \|\psi\|_2^2 < \infty.$$

□

The following theorem of Becker and Pommerenke [BP78] characterizes univalent functions on  $\mathbb{D}$  that admit a q.c. extension to a larger domain such that the complex dilation is continuous on  $S^1$ .

**Theorem 2.6.** *Let  $f : \mathbb{D} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  be a univalent function such that  $f(\mathbb{D})$  is a Jordan domain. Then the following conditions are equivalent.*

- (i)  *$f$  has a q.c. extension  $F$  to  $\{z : |z| < R, R > 1\}$  such that the complex dilation  $\mu(z) = F_{\bar{z}}/F_z$  satisfies*

$$\lim_{|z| \rightarrow 1^+} \mu(z) = 0.$$

(ii)

$$\lim_{|z| \rightarrow 1^-} (1 - |z|^2)^2 \mathcal{S}(f)(z) = 0.$$

(iii)

$$\lim_{|z| \rightarrow 1^-} (1 - |z|^2) \mathcal{A}(f)(z) = 0.$$

In [GS92], Gardiner and Sullivan have studied the subgroup

$$S = \text{Möb}(S^1) \backslash \text{Homeo}_s(S^1)$$

of symmetric homeomorphisms in  $QS = \text{Möb}(S^1) \backslash \text{Homeo}_{qs}(S^1) \simeq T(1)$ . They proved that as a Banach submanifold of  $T(1)$ ,  $S$  is a topological group, and that univalent functions  $f$  associated to elements in  $S$  are precisely the functions satisfying condition (ii) of Theorem 2.6.

*Remark 2.7.* Actually in [GS92] this condition is stated as follows: for every  $\varepsilon > 0$  there is a compact subset  $K$  of  $\mathbb{D}$  such that  $|(1 - |z|^2)^2 \mathcal{S}(f)(z)| < \varepsilon$  for  $z \in \mathbb{D} \setminus K$ , which is clearly equivalent to (ii).

Using this remark and Remark 3.2 in Part I, we get the following statement.

**Corollary 2.8.** *The group  $T_0(1)$  is a subgroup of  $S$ .*

*Remark 2.9.* It is known [GS92] that the topological group  $S$  contains the subgroup of  $C^1$ -homeomorphisms of  $S^1$ . Similarly, the topological group  $T_0(1)$  contains the subgroup of  $C^3$ -homeomorphisms. Indeed, it is known (see, e.g., [Ham02]) that if  $\gamma \in QS$  is  $C^3$  then corresponding  $f$  and  $g$  are of  $C^2$  class on the boundary and all their derivatives are Hölder continuous with  $\alpha < 1$ . From here it follows that  $\mathcal{S}(f) \in A_2(\mathbb{D})$ .

*Remark 2.10.* For  $[\mu] \in T_0(1)$  it is an interesting open problem to characterize intrinsically the corresponding map  $w_\mu|_{S^1}$  and the quasi-circle  $f(S^1)$ , as it was done for by Gardiner and Sullivan in [GS92] for  $[\mu] \in S$ .

Another important consequence of Becker-Pommerenke Theorem is the following result.

**Lemma 2.11.** *Let  $f$  and  $g$  be univalent functions on  $\mathbb{D}$  and  $\mathbb{D}^*$  such that  $\mathcal{S}(f) \in A_2(\mathbb{D})$  and  $\mathcal{S}(g) \in A_2(\mathbb{D}^*)$ . Then  $\mathcal{A}(f) \in A_2^1(\mathbb{D})$  and  $\mathcal{A}(g) \in A_2^1(\mathbb{D}^*)$ .*

*Proof.* It is sufficient to consider functions on  $\mathbb{D}$ . If  $\mathcal{S}(f) \in A_2(\mathbb{D})$ , then by Remark 3.2 in Part I  $f$  satisfies the condition (ii) in Theorem 2.6 and hence it satisfies the condition (iii). In particular, there exists  $r' > 0$  such that

$$(1 - |z|^2) |\mathcal{A}(f)(z)| \leq 1/2 \quad \text{for all } r' < |z| < 1.$$

By triangle and geometric mean inequalities,

$$\begin{aligned} |\mathcal{S}(f)(z)|^2 &\geq (|\mathcal{A}(f)'(z)| - \tfrac{1}{2} |\mathcal{A}(f)(z)|^2)^2 \\ &= |\mathcal{A}(f)'(z)|^2 + \tfrac{1}{4} |\mathcal{A}(f)(z)|^4 - |\mathcal{A}(f)'(z)| |\mathcal{A}(f)(z)|^2 \\ &\geq \tfrac{1}{2} (|\mathcal{A}(f)'(z)|^2 - |\mathcal{A}(f)(z)|^4), \end{aligned}$$



so that for  $r' < |z| < 1$ ,

$$(2.1) \quad 2(1 - |z|^2)^2 |\mathcal{S}(f)(z)|^2 \geq (1 - |z|^2)^2 |\mathcal{A}(f)'(z)|^2 - \frac{1}{4} |\mathcal{A}(f)(z)|^2.$$

Let  $\mathcal{A}(f)(z) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n a_n z^{n-1}$  be the power series expansion of  $\mathcal{A}(f)$  and let  $\mathbb{D}_r$  be the disk of radius  $r$ . We have,

$$\iint_{\mathbb{D}_r} (1 - |z|^2)^2 |\mathcal{A}(f)'(z)|^2 d^2 z = \pi \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} n^2 (n-1)^2 |a_n|^2 r^{2n} \left( \frac{r^{-2}}{n-1} - \frac{2}{n} + \frac{r^2}{n+1} \right)$$

and

$$\iint_{\mathbb{D}_r} |\mathcal{A}(f)(z)|^2 d^2 z = \pi \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n |a_n|^2 r^{2n}.$$

Using the elementary inequality

$$(n-1)^2 \left( \frac{r^{-2}}{n-1} - \frac{2}{n} + \frac{r^2}{n+1} \right) \geq \frac{1}{2n}$$

for all  $n \geq 2$  and  $0 < r < 1$ , we get

$$(2.2) \quad \iint_{\mathbb{D}_r} (1 - |z|^2)^2 |\mathcal{A}(f)'(z)|^2 d^2 z \geq \frac{1}{2} \iint_{\mathbb{D}_r} |\mathcal{A}(f)(z)|^2 d^2 z - \frac{\pi}{2} |a_1|^2 r^2.$$

Integrating the inequality (2.1) over  $\mathbb{D}_r \setminus \mathbb{D}_{r'}$ , and using (2.2), we get for  $r > r'$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} 2 \iint_{\mathbb{D}_r \setminus \mathbb{D}_{r'}} (1 - |z|^2)^2 |\mathcal{S}(f)(z)|^2 d^2 z &\geq \iint_{\mathbb{D}_r \setminus \mathbb{D}_{r'}} \left( (1 - |z|^2)^2 |\mathcal{A}(f)'(z)|^2 - \frac{1}{4} |\mathcal{A}(f)(z)|^2 \right) d^2 z \\ &= \iint_{\mathbb{D}_r} (1 - |z|^2)^2 |\mathcal{A}(f)'(z)|^2 d^2 z - \frac{1}{4} \iint_{\mathbb{D}_r} |\mathcal{A}(f)(z)|^2 d^2 z \\ &\quad - \iint_{\mathbb{D}_{r'}} (1 - |z|^2)^2 |\mathcal{A}(f)'(z)|^2 d^2 z + \frac{1}{4} \iint_{\mathbb{D}_{r'}} |\mathcal{A}(f)(z)|^2 d^2 z \\ &\geq \frac{1}{4} \iint_{\mathbb{D}_r} |\mathcal{A}(f)(z)|^2 d^2 z + \frac{1}{4} \iint_{\mathbb{D}_{r'}} |\mathcal{A}(f)(z)|^2 d^2 z \\ &\quad - \iint_{\mathbb{D}_{r'}} (1 - |z|^2)^2 |\mathcal{A}(f)'(z)|^2 d^2 z - \frac{\pi}{2} |a_1|^2 r^2. \end{aligned}$$

Since  $\mathcal{S}(f) \in A_2(\mathbb{D})$ , from this inequality we conclude that there exists  $C > 0$  such that

$$\iint_{\mathbb{D}_r} |\mathcal{A}(f)(z)|^2 d^2 z < C$$

for all  $0 < r < 1$ , i.e.,  $\mathcal{A}(f) \in A_2^1(\mathbb{D})$ .  $\square$

The following statement is the main result of this section.

**Theorem 2.12.** *Let  $w_\mu = g_\mu^{-1} \circ f^\mu$  be the conformal welding corresponding to  $[\mu] \in T(1)$ . Then  $[\mu] \in T_0(1)$  if and only if one of the following conditions holds.*

- (i)  $\mathcal{S}(f^\mu) \in A_2(\mathbb{D})$ .
- (ii)  $\mathcal{A}(f^\mu) \in A_2^1(\mathbb{D})$ .
- (iii)  $\mathcal{S}(g_\mu) \in A_2(\mathbb{D}^*)$ .
- (iv)  $\mathcal{A}(g_\mu) \in A_2^1(\mathbb{D}^*)$ .

*Proof.* Since under the Bers embedding  $\beta(T_0(1)) = \beta(T(1)) \cap A_2(\mathbb{D})$ , it follows that if  $w_\mu = g_\mu^{-1} \circ f^\mu$  is the conformal welding associated to  $[\mu] \in T(1)$ , then  $\mathcal{S}(f^\mu) \in A_2(\mathbb{D})$  if and only if  $[\mu] \in T_0(1)$ . Let  $j$  be the antiholomorphic inversion  $z \mapsto 1/\bar{z}$ . Since q.c. mapping  $w_\mu$  on  $\hat{\mathbb{C}}$  satisfies  $j \circ w_\mu \circ j = w_\mu$ , we have

$$w_\mu^{-1} = j \circ w_\mu^{-1} \circ j = (j \circ (f^\mu)^{-1} \circ j) \circ (j \circ g_\mu \circ j).$$

Thus

$$(2.3) \quad f^{\mu^{-1}} = r \circ j \circ g_\mu \circ j \quad \text{and} \quad g_{\mu^{-1}} = r \circ j \circ f^\mu \circ j,$$

where  $r$  is the dilation  $z \mapsto \overline{g'_\mu(\infty)} z$ . Since  $[\mu^{-1}] \in T_0(1)$  if and only if  $[\mu] \in T_0(1)$ , we have  $\mathcal{S}(f^\mu) \in A_2(\mathbb{D})$  if and only if  $\mathcal{S}(f^{\mu^{-1}}) \in A_2(\mathbb{D})$ , and hence if and only if

$$\mathcal{S}(g_\mu) = \overline{\mathcal{S}(f^{\mu^{-1}}) \circ j j_\#^2} \in A_2(\mathbb{D}^*).$$

The statement of the theorem now follows from Lemmas 2.5 and 2.11.  $\square$

Let  $\mathcal{T}_0(1)$  be the Teichmüller curve of  $T_0(1)$ , i.e., the inverse image of  $T_0(1)$  under the fibration  $\mathcal{T}(1) \rightarrow T(1)$  of Hilbert manifolds. It was proved in Appendix A of Part I that  $\mathcal{T}_0(1)$  is a topological group. Using proofs of Lemma 2.5 and Theorem 2.11, we can easily modify the proof in the Appendix of [Teo02] to show that  $A_2^1(\mathbb{D})$  and  $A_2(\mathbb{D}) \oplus \mathbb{C}$  induce the same Hilbert manifold structure on  $\mathcal{T}_0(1)$ . We leave the details to Appendix A.

Results of this section justify the following

**Definition 2.13.** The “universal Liouville action”  $S_1 : T_0(1) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is defined by

$$S_1([\mu]) = \iint_{\mathbb{D}} |\mathcal{A}(f^\mu)|^2 d^2 z + \iint_{\mathbb{D}^*} |\mathcal{A}(g_\mu)|^2 d^2 z - 4\pi \log |g'_\mu(\infty)|,$$

where  $w_\mu = g_\mu^{-1} \circ f^\mu$  is the conformal welding corresponding to  $[\mu] \in T_0(1)$ .

We will prove in Section 5 that the universal Liouville action is a Kähler potential of the Weil-Petersson metric on  $T_0(1)$ .

*Remark 2.14.* When  $g'_\mu$  is continuous on  $S^1$ , the last term in the definition of  $S_1$  can be written as

$$-2 \oint_{S^1} \log |g'_\mu(e^{i\theta})| d\theta.$$

When the quasicircle  $g_\mu(S^1) = f^\mu(S^1)$  is of  $C^3$  class, functionals of this type were studied by Schiffer and Hawley in [SH62]. Here we extend the definition to quasicircles for the Hilbert manifold  $T_0(1)$ .

### 3. GRUNSKY OPERATORS FOR $T_0(1)$

**3.1. Grunsky coefficients and operators.** Here we prove that Grunsky operators associated to a point in  $T_0(1)$  are Hilbert-Schmidt. Suppose that  $f : \mathbb{D} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  and  $g : \mathbb{D}^* \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  are univalent functions on  $\mathbb{D}$  and  $\mathbb{D}^*$  such that  $f(0) = 0, f'(0) = 1, g(\infty) = \infty$ , and  $f(\mathbb{D}) \cap g(\mathbb{D}^*) = \emptyset$ . Such univalent functions are said to form a normalized disjoint pair. The generalized Grunsky coefficients  $b_{n,m}, n, m \in \mathbb{Z}$  of a normalized disjoint pair  $(f, g)$  are defined as follows (see e.g., [Pom75])

$$\begin{aligned} \log \frac{g(z) - g(\zeta)}{z - \zeta} &= b_{00} - \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_{mn} z^{-m} \zeta^{-n}, \\ \log \frac{g(z) - f(\zeta)}{bz} &= - \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} b_{m,-n} z^{-m} \zeta^n, \\ \log \frac{f(z) - f(\zeta)}{z - \zeta} &= b_{00} - \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} b_{-m,-n} z^m \zeta^n. \end{aligned}$$

By definition,  $b_{00} = \log b$ , where  $b = g'(\infty)$ . Grunsky coefficients  $b_{n,m}$  are symmetric in  $n, m$  when  $n, m \geq 1$  or  $n, m \leq 0$ , so for  $n \geq 0, m \geq 1$ , we define  $b_{-n,m} = b_{m,-n}$ . It is also clear that coefficients  $b_{n,m}, |n| \geq 1$  and  $|m| \geq 1$  do not change when  $f$  and  $g$  are simultaneously post-composed with a dilation  $z \mapsto rz$ .

Grunsky coefficients satisfy the generalized Grunsky inequality, due to Hummel [Hum72] (see also [Pom75]).

**Theorem 3.1.** *Let  $(f, g)$  be a normalized disjoint pair of univalent functions. Then for every  $\lambda_{-m}, \dots, \lambda_m \in \mathbb{C}$ ,*

$$\sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} |k| \left| \sum_{l=-m}^m b_{kl} \lambda_l \right|^2 \leq \sum_{k=-m}^m \frac{|\lambda_k|^2}{|k|} + 2 \operatorname{Re} \left[ \bar{\lambda}_0 \sum_{l=-m}^m b_{0l} \lambda_l \right],$$

where the prime over the sum indicates that the term  $k = 0$  is omitted. The equality for all  $\lambda_{-m}, \dots, \lambda_m$  holds if and only if the set  $F = \mathbb{C} \setminus \{f(\mathbb{D}) \cup g(\mathbb{D}^*)\}$  has Lebesgue measure zero.

*Remark 3.2.* For  $\gamma \in \mathcal{T}(1)$  let  $\gamma = g^{-1} \circ f$  be the corresponding conformal welding. Since  $(f, g)$  is a normalized disjoint pair of univalent functions and the quasicircle  $\mathcal{C} = f(S^1) = g(S^1)$  has Lebesgue measure zero, corresponding Grunsky coefficients  $b_{mn}$  satisfy the generalized Grunsky equality. Setting  $\lambda_0 = 1$  and  $\lambda_k = 0, k \neq 0$ , we get

$$2 \operatorname{Re} b_{00} = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} |k| |b_{k0}|^2.$$

Since

$$\log \frac{g(z)}{z} = b_{00} - \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} b_{k0} z^{-k}, \quad \text{and} \quad \log \frac{f(z)}{z} = - \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} b_{-k,0} z^k,$$

and  $\operatorname{Re} b_{00} = \log |g'(\infty)|$ , we have

$$2\pi \log |g'(\infty)| = \iint_{\mathbb{D}} \left| \frac{f'(z)}{f(z)} - \frac{1}{z} \right|^2 d^2 z + \iint_{\mathbb{D}^*} \left| \frac{g'(z)}{g(z)} - \frac{1}{z} \right|^2 d^2 z.$$

According to Theorem 5.3 in Part I, this gives an integral formula for the Kähler potential of the Velling-Kirillov metric on  $\mathcal{T}(1)$ .

Now let  $(f, g)$  be a normalized disjoint pair of univalent functions such that the corresponding set  $F$  has Lebesgue measure zero. Putting in the generalized Grunsky equality  $\lambda_0 = 0$  and rescaling  $\lambda_l \mapsto \sqrt{|l|} \lambda_l$ , we obtain the following equality

$$\sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} \left| \sum_{l=-m}^m \sqrt{|kl|} b_{kl} \lambda_l \right|^2 = \sum_{k=-m}^m |\lambda_k|^2.$$

By polarization, we get

$$(3.1) \quad \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} \sum_{l=-m}^m \sum_{l'=-m}^m \sqrt{|kl|} b_{kl} \sqrt{|kl'|} \overline{b_{kl'}} \lambda_l \bar{\eta}_{l'} = \sum_{k=-m}^m \lambda_k \bar{\eta}_k,$$

where  $\lambda_k, \eta_k$  are arbitrary complex numbers. Grunsky coefficients  $b_{mn}$  give rise to semi-infinite matrices  $B_l$ ,  $l = 1, 2, 3, 4$ , defined by

$$(B_1)_{mn} = \sqrt{mn} b_{-m, -n}, \quad (B_2)_{mn} = \sqrt{mn} b_{-m, n}, \\ (B_3)_{mn} = \sqrt{mn} b_{m, -n}, \quad (B_4)_{mn} = \sqrt{mn} b_{mn}.$$

From generalized Grunsky equality it immediately follows that matrices  $B_l$  define bounded linear operators on the separable Hilbert space

$$\ell^2 = \left\{ x = \{x_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty} : \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |x_n|^2 < \infty \right\}$$

which we continue to denote by  $B_l$ ,  $l = 1, 2, 3, 4$ . Here a linear operator  $A$  on  $\ell^2$  associated with the matrix  $\{a_{mn}\}_{m,n=1}^{\infty}$  is given by  $y = Ax$ , where  $y_m = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_{mn} x_n$ .

In terms of the operators  $B_l$ , generalized Grunsky equality (3.1) is equivalent to

$$(3.2) \quad \begin{aligned} B_1 B_1^* + B_2 B_2^* &= I, & B_3 B_1^* + B_4 B_2^* &= 0, \\ B_1 B_3^* + B_2 B_4^* &= 0, & B_3 B_3^* + B_4 B_4^* &= I, \end{aligned}$$

where  $I$  is the identity operator on  $\ell^2$  and  $B_l^*$  stands for the adjoint operator to  $B_l$ . These identities immediately imply that  $\|B_l\| \leq 1$ ,  $l = 1, 2, 3, 4$ .

*Remark 3.3.* The operator  $B_4$  is the Grunsky operator associated to the univalent function  $g$ . The classical Grunsky inequality (see e.g. [Pom75]) can be succinctly stated as  $I - B_4 B_4^* \geq 0$ , and  $I - B_4 B_4^*$  is a positive-definite operator if and only if the complement of  $g(\mathbb{D}^*)$  has positive Lebesgue measure. Similarly,  $B_1$  is the Grunsky operator associated to the univalent function  $f$  and the classical Grunsky inequality is equivalent to  $I - B_1 B_1^* \geq 0$ . For the pair  $(f^\mu, g_\mu)$  associated to a point  $[\mu] \in T(1)$ , the operators  $I - B_1 B_1^*$  and  $I - B_4 B_4^*$  are positive-definite, so that  $\|B_1\|, \|B_4\| < 1$  and  $\text{Ker } B_2^* = \text{Ker } B_3^* = \{0\}$ . Moreover, it follows from symmetry property of Grunsky coefficients that also  $\text{Ker } B_2 = \text{Ker } B_3 = \{0\}$ , so that the operators  $B_2, B_3 : \ell^2 \rightarrow \ell^2$  are topological isomorphisms.

The operators  $B_l$  define a bounded linear operator  $\mathbf{B}$  on the Hilbert space  $\ell^2 \oplus \ell^2$  by

$$\mathbf{B} = \begin{pmatrix} B_1 & B_2 \\ B_3 & B_4 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Since

$$\mathbf{B}^* = \begin{pmatrix} B_1^* & B_3^* \\ B_2^* & B_4^* \end{pmatrix},$$

the generalized Grunsky equality can be succinctly rewritten as

$$\mathbf{B}\mathbf{B}^* = \mathbf{I},$$

where  $\mathbf{I} = \begin{pmatrix} I & 0 \\ 0 & I \end{pmatrix}$  is the identity operator on  $\ell^2 \oplus \ell^2$ . Let  $J$  be the complex-conjugation operator on  $\ell^2$  defined by

$$(3.3) \quad (Jx)_n = \bar{x}_n, \quad x = \{x_n\}_{n=1}^\infty \in \ell^2.$$

Setting  $\mathbf{J} = \begin{pmatrix} J & 0 \\ 0 & J \end{pmatrix}$ , we can express symmetry property of Grunsky coefficients as

$$\mathbf{B}^* = \mathbf{J}\mathbf{B}\mathbf{J}.$$

Thus

$$\mathbf{B}^*\mathbf{B} = \mathbf{J}\mathbf{B}\mathbf{J}\mathbf{B} = \mathbf{J}\mathbf{B}\mathbf{B}^*\mathbf{J} = \mathbf{I},$$

so that  $\mathbf{B}$  is a unitary operator on  $\ell^2 \oplus \ell^2$ .

The operators  $B_l$  can be also realized as linear operators from the Hilbert spaces of antiholomorphic functions to the Hilbert spaces of holomorphic

functions. Namely, the kernels

$$K_1(z, w) = \frac{1}{\pi} \left( \frac{1}{(z-w)^2} - \frac{f'(z)f'(w)}{(f(z)-f(w))^2} \right) = \frac{1}{\pi} \sum_{n,m=1}^{\infty} nmb_{-n,-m} z^{n-1} w^{m-1},$$

$$K_2(z, w) = \frac{1}{\pi} \frac{f'(z)g'(w)}{(f(z)-g(w))^2} = \frac{1}{\pi} \sum_{n,m=1}^{\infty} nmb_{-n,m} z^{n-1} w^{-m-1},$$

$$K_3(z, w) = \frac{1}{\pi} \frac{g'(z)f'(w)}{(g(z)-f(w))^2} = \frac{1}{\pi} \sum_{n,m=1}^{\infty} nmb_{n,-m} z^{-n-1} w^{m-1},$$

$$K_4(z, w) = \frac{1}{\pi} \left( \frac{1}{(z-w)^2} - \frac{g'(z)g'(w)}{(g(z)-g(w))^2} \right) = \frac{1}{\pi} \sum_{n,m=1}^{\infty} nmb_{n,m} z^{-n-1} w^{-m-1},$$

define the linear operators  $K_l$  as follows,

$$\begin{aligned} K_1 : \overline{A_2^1(\mathbb{D})} &\rightarrow A_2^1(\mathbb{D}), & (K_1\psi)(z) &= \iint_{\mathbb{D}} K_1(z, w) \overline{\psi(w)} d^2w, \\ K_2 : \overline{A_2^1(\mathbb{D}^*)} &\rightarrow A_2^1(\mathbb{D}), & (K_2\psi)(z) &= \iint_{\mathbb{D}^*} K_2(z, w) \overline{\psi(w)} d^2w, \\ K_3 : \overline{A_2^1(\mathbb{D})} &\rightarrow A_2^1(\mathbb{D}^*), & (K_3\psi)(z) &= \iint_{\mathbb{D}} K_3(z, w) \overline{\psi(w)} d^2w, \\ K_4 : \overline{A_2^1(\mathbb{D}^*)} &\rightarrow A_2^1(\mathbb{D}^*), & (K_4\psi)(z) &= \iint_{\mathbb{D}^*} K_4(z, w) \overline{\psi(w)} d^2w. \end{aligned}$$

*Remark 3.4.* It is well-known that if  $\phi$  is a holomorphic function on  $\mathbb{D}$ , then

$$\iint_{\mathbb{D}} \frac{\overline{\phi(w)}}{(z-w)^2} d^2w = 0,$$

where the integral is understood in the principal value sense. Hence we can also represent operators  $K_1$  and  $K_4$  by the singular kernels

$$-\frac{1}{\pi} \frac{f'(z)f'(w)}{(f(z)-f(w))^2} \quad \text{and} \quad -\frac{1}{\pi} \frac{g'(z)g'(w)}{(g(z)-g(w))^2}.$$

The Hilbert spaces  $A_2^1(\mathbb{D})$  and  $A_2^1(\mathbb{D}^*)$  have standard orthonormal bases  $\{e_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  and  $\{f_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$ , given respectively by

$$e_n(z) = \sqrt{\frac{n}{\pi}} z^{n-1} \quad \text{and} \quad f_n(z) = \sqrt{\frac{n}{\pi}} z^{-n-1}, \quad n \in \mathbb{N}.$$

These bases define isomorphisms  $A_2^1(\mathbb{D}) \simeq \ell^2$  and  $A_2^1(\mathbb{D}^*) \simeq \ell^2$ . The operators  $K_l$  and their adjoints  $K_l^*$  — integral operators with the kernels  $K_l^*(z, w) = \overline{K_l(w, z)}$ , correspond respectively to the operators  $B_l$  and  $B_l^*$ ,

$l = 1, 2, 3, 4$ . Similarly, positive self-adjoint operators  $K_l = K_l K_l^*$  are integral operators which correspond to the operators  $B_l B_l^*$ , and we denote the kernels of the operators  $K_l$  by  $K_l(z, w)$ . Due to the relations (3.2),

$$(3.4) \quad K_2 = I - K_1, \quad K_3 = I - K_4.$$

**Lemma 3.5.** *The kernel  $K_1(z, w)$  of the operator  $K_1 : \overline{A_2^1(\mathbb{D})} \rightarrow A_2^1(\mathbb{D})$  satisfies*

$$(3.5) \quad \iint_{\mathbb{D}} \iint_{\mathbb{D}} |K_1(z, w)|^2 d^2 z d^2 w < \infty$$

*if and only if the operator  $K_1$  is Hilbert-Schmidt, i.e., if and only if the operator  $K_1 = K_1 K_1^*$  on  $A_2^1(\mathbb{D})$  is of trace class. In this case,*

$$\text{Tr } K_1 = \iint_{\mathbb{D}} \iint_{\mathbb{D}} |K_1(z, w)|^2 d^2 z d^2 w = \iint_{\mathbb{D}} K_1(z, z) d^2 z,$$

*and  $\mathcal{S}(f) \in A_2(\mathbb{D})$ , where  $f$  is the univalent function associated with the kernel  $K_1(z, w)$ . Similar statements hold for the operators  $K_4$  and  $K_4$ .*

*Proof.* It is sufficient to prove the lemma for the operator  $K_1$ . For the basis  $\{e_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  of the Hilbert space  $A_2^1(\mathbb{D})$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Tr } K_1 &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \langle K_1 e_n, e_n \rangle = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \|K_1^* e_n\|^2 = \sum_{n,m=1}^{\infty} nm |b_{-n,-m}|^2 \\ &= \iint_{\mathbb{D}} \iint_{\mathbb{D}} |K_1(z, w)|^2 d^2 z d^2 w = \iint_{\mathbb{D}} K_1(z, z) d^2 z. \end{aligned}$$

Since the operator  $K_1$  is positive, it is of trace class if and only if the inequality (3.5) holds. On the other hand, we have

$$\mathcal{S}(f)(z) = -6\pi \lim_{w \rightarrow z} K_1(z, w) = -6 \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \left( \sum_{k+l=n} k l b_{-k,-l} \right) z^{n-2}.$$

Hence if the inequality (3.5) holds,

$$\begin{aligned} \|\mathcal{S}(f)\|_2^2 &= 18\pi \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^3 - n} \left| \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} k(n-k) b_{-k,-(n-k)} \right|^2 \\ &\leq 18\pi \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^3 - n} \left( \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} k(n-k) \right) \left( \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} k(n-k) |b_{-k,-(n-k)}|^2 \right) \\ &= 3\pi \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} k(n-k) |b_{-k,-(n-k)}|^2 = 3\pi \sum_{n,m=1}^{\infty} nm |b_{-n,-m}|^2 < \infty. \end{aligned}$$

□

**Theorem 3.6.** *If the pair  $(f^\mu, g_\mu)$  corresponds to a point  $[\mu] \in T_0(1)$ , then the operators  $K_1$  and  $K_4$  associated to  $f^\mu$  and  $g_\mu$  respectively, are of trace class.*

*Proof.* According to Lemma 3.5, it is sufficient to show that

$$\iint_{\mathbb{D}} K_1(z, z) d^2 z < \infty \quad \text{and} \quad \iint_{\mathbb{D}^*} K_4(z, z) d^2 z < \infty.$$

For  $[\mu] \in T_0(1)$  choose a representative  $\mu \in L^2(\mathbb{D}^*, \rho(z) d^2 z) \cap \mathcal{O}(\mathbb{D}^*)_1$ . It follows from Lemma 3.9 in Part I that the path  $[t\mu]$  connecting 0 to  $[\mu]$  in  $T(1)$  lies on  $T_0(1)$ . Let  $w_{t\mu} = g_{t\mu}^{-1} \circ f^{t\mu}$  be the corresponding conformal welding and denote by  $(K_1)_t(z, w)$  the kernel  $K_1(z, w)$  associated with the univalent function  $f^{t\mu}$ . We have the following lemma.

**Lemma 3.7.**

$$(3.6) \quad \left. \frac{d}{ds} \right|_{s=0} (K_1)_{s+t} (f_t^{-1}(z), f_t^{-1}(w)) (f_t^{-1})'(z) (f_t^{-1})'(w) \\ = \frac{1}{\pi^2} \iint_{\Omega_t^*} \frac{\mu_t(u)}{(u-z)^2 (u-w)^2} d^2 u,$$

where  $\Omega_t^* = f^{t\mu}(\mathbb{D}^*) = g_{t\mu}(\mathbb{D}^*)$ ,

$$(\mu_t \circ g_{t\mu}) \frac{\overline{g_{t\mu}'}}{g_{t\mu}'} = D_{t\mu} R_{(t\mu)^{-1}}(\mu),$$

and the integral (3.6) is understood in the principal value sense.

*Proof.* Set  $w_t = w_{t\mu}$ ,  $f_t = f^{t\mu}$ ,  $g_t = g_{t\mu}$  and  $v_s = f_{s+t} \circ f_t^{-1}$ . We have

$$v_s \circ g_t = g_{s+t} \circ w_{s+t} \circ w_t^{-1},$$

so that  $v_s$  is a q.c. mapping which is holomorphic on  $\Omega_t = f_t(\mathbb{D})$  and has Beltrami differential  $\mu_{s,t}$  on  $\Omega_t^*$  with

$$(\mu_{s,t} \circ g_t) \frac{\overline{g_t'}}{g_t'} = \frac{(w_{s+t} \circ w_t^{-1})_{\bar{z}}}{(w_{s+t} \circ w_t^{-1})_z}.$$

It follows from the standard variational formula for q.c. mappings that

$$(3.7) \quad \left. \frac{d}{ds} \right|_{s=0} v_s(z) = -\frac{1}{\pi} \iint_{\Omega_t^*} \frac{\mu_t(u) z(z-1)}{(u-z)u(u-1)} d^2 u + p(z),$$

where  $p(z)$  is a degree two polynomial. We have

$$(K_1)_{s+t} (f_t^{-1}(z), f_t^{-1}(w)) (f_t^{-1})'(z) (f_t^{-1})'(w) \\ = \frac{1}{\pi} \frac{(f_t^{-1})'(z) (f_t^{-1})'(w)}{(f_t^{-1}(z) - f_t^{-1}(w))^2} - \frac{1}{\pi} \frac{v_s'(z) v_s'(w)}{(v_s(z) - v_s(w))^2},$$



and

$$\left. \frac{d}{ds} \right|_{s=0} \frac{v'_s(z)v'_s(w)}{(v_s(z) - v_s(w))^2} = -\frac{1}{\pi} \iint_{\Omega^*} \frac{\mu_t(u)}{(u-z)^2(u-w)^2} d^2u,$$

so that the result follows.  $\square$

Now we use the fundamental theorem of calculus to estimate

$$\begin{aligned} \iint_{\mathbb{D}} K_1(z, z) d^2z &= \iint_{\mathbb{D}} \iint_{\mathbb{D}} |(K_1)_1(z, w)|^2 d^2z d^2w \\ &= \iint_{\mathbb{D}} \iint_{\mathbb{D}} \left| \int_0^1 \frac{d}{dt} (K_1)_t(z, w) dt \right|^2 d^2z d^2w \\ &\leq \int_0^1 \iint_{\mathbb{D}} \iint_{\mathbb{D}} \left| \frac{d}{dt} (K_1)_t(z, w) \right|^2 d^2z d^2w dt \\ &= \int_0^1 \iint_{\mathbb{D}} \iint_{\mathbb{D}} \left| \left. \frac{d}{ds} \right|_{s=0} (K_1)_{t+s}(z, w) \right|^2 d^2z d^2w dt \\ &= \int_0^1 I(t) dt. \end{aligned}$$

Making a change of variables  $z \mapsto f_t^{-1}(z), w \mapsto f_t^{-1}(w)$  in the inner integral  $I(t)$ , we get

$$\begin{aligned} I(t) &= \iint_{\Omega_t} \iint_{\Omega_t} \left| \left. \frac{d}{ds} \right|_{s=0} (K_1)_{t+s}(f_t^{-1}(z), f_t^{-1}(w)) (f_t^{-1})'(z) (f_t^{-1})'(w) \right|^2 d^2z d^2w \\ &= \frac{1}{\pi^4} \iint_{\Omega_t} \iint_{\Omega_t} \left| \iint_{\Omega_t^*} \frac{\mu_t(u)}{(u-z)^2(u-w)^2} d^2u \right|^2 d^2z d^2w. \end{aligned}$$

Using the inequality

$$(3.8) \quad \iint_{\Omega_t} \frac{d^2w}{|w-z|^4} \leq 4\pi(\rho_2)_t(z), \quad z \in \Omega_t^*,$$

where  $(\rho_2)_t(z)$  is the density of the hyperbolic metric on  $\Omega_t^*$  (see the proof of Theorem 3.3 in Part I), and the fact that the Hilbert transform is an isometry on  $L^2(\mathbb{C}, d^2z)$ , we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} I(t) &\leq \frac{1}{\pi^2} \iint_{\Omega_t} \iint_{\Omega_t^*} \frac{|\mu_t(z)|^2}{|z-w|^4} d^2z d^2w \leq \frac{4}{\pi} \iint_{\Omega_t^*} |\mu_t(z)|^2 (\rho_2)_t(z) d^2z \\ &= \frac{4}{\pi} \iint_{\mathbb{D}^*} |\tilde{\mu}_t(z)|^2 \rho(z) d^2z = \frac{4}{\pi} \|\tilde{\mu}_t\|_2^2, \end{aligned}$$

where  $\tilde{\mu}_t = D_{t\mu} R_{(t\mu)^{-1}}(\mu)$ . Now it follows from Remark 3.8 in Part I that there exists a constant  $C$  such that

$$\|\tilde{\mu}_t\|_2 \leq C\|\mu\|_2$$

for all  $0 \leq t \leq 1$ , so that

$$\iint_{\mathbb{D}} \mathsf{K}_1(z, z) d^2 z < \infty.$$

The corresponding estimate for the kernel  $\mathsf{K}_4(z, w)$  is proved similarly. Alternatively, using the relation (2.3) we get

$$(3.9) \quad \mathsf{K}_1([\mu^{-1}])(z, w) = \overline{\mathsf{K}_4([\mu]) \left( \frac{1}{\bar{z}}, \frac{1}{\bar{w}} \right)} \frac{1}{z^2} \frac{1}{w^2}.$$

Since  $T_0(1)$  is a group, the inequality for the kernel  $\mathsf{K}_4$  follows from the corresponding inequality for the kernel  $\mathsf{K}_1$ .  $\square$

*Remark 3.8.* Actually using the generalized Grunsky equality one can prove an estimate sharper than (3.8). Just observe that for  $z \in \Omega_t^*$

$$\iint_{\Omega_t} \frac{d^2 w}{|z - w|^4} = \pi^2 \mathsf{K}_3(g^{-1}(z), g^{-1}(z)) |(g^{-1})'(z)|^2$$

and that  $\frac{1}{\pi(1-z\bar{w})^2}$  is the kernel of the identity operator on  $A_2^1(\mathbb{D}^*)$ . Hence the second equation in (3.4) gives,

$$\mathsf{K}_3(z, z) = \frac{1}{\pi(1-|z|^2)^2} - \mathsf{K}_4(z, z) \leq \frac{1}{\pi(1-|z|^2)^2},$$

and we get

$$\iint_{\Omega_t} \frac{d^2 w}{|z - w|^4} \leq \frac{\pi}{4} (\rho_2)_t(z).$$

**Corollary 3.9.** *Grunsky operators  $B_1$  and  $B_4$  associated with the pair  $(f^\mu, g_\mu)$ ,  $[\mu] \in T(1)$ , are Hilbert-Schmidt operators on  $\ell^2$  if and only if  $[\mu] \in T_0(1)$ .*

*Proof.* Under the isomorphisms  $A_2^1(\mathbb{D}) \simeq \ell^2$  and  $A_2^1(\mathbb{D}^*) \simeq \ell^2$ , the operators  $\mathsf{K}_1$  and  $\mathsf{K}_4$  correspond to the operators  $B_1 B_1^*$  and  $B_4 B_4^*$  respectively. Since  $\beta(T_0(1)) = A_2(\mathbb{D}) \cap \beta(T(1))$ , the “only if” part of the statement follows from Lemma 3.5.  $\square$

As an application, consider the Hilbert space  $\mathcal{S}_2$  of Hilbert-Schmidt operators on  $\ell^2$ ,

$$\mathcal{S}_2 = \left\{ T : \ell^2 \rightarrow \ell^2 \text{ a bounded operator} \mid \|T\|_2^2 = \text{Tr } TT^* < \infty \right\},$$

and define the mapping  $\mathcal{P} : T_0(1) \rightarrow \mathcal{S}_2$  by

$$\mathcal{P}([\mu]) = B_1(f^\mu), \quad [\mu] \in T_0(1).$$

Since Grunsky coefficients characterize univalent functions up to a post-composition with Möbius transformation, the mapping  $\mathcal{P}$  is one to one. In fact, we have a stronger result.

**Theorem 3.10.** *The mapping  $\mathcal{P}$  is a holomorphic inclusion of the Hilbert manifold  $T_0(1)$  into the Hilbert space  $\mathcal{S}_2$ .*

*Proof.* We need to show that for every  $[\nu] \in T_0(1)$  and  $\mu \in H^{-1,1}(\mathbb{D}^*)$ , the map  $\mathbb{C} \ni t \mapsto B_1(t) = B_1(f^{\nu+t\mu})$  is holomorphic in a neighbourhood of  $t = 0$  in  $\mathbb{C}$ . For this aim, since the mapping  $[\mu] \rightarrow f^\mu(z)$  is holomorphic for fixed  $z \in \mathbb{D}$ , for every  $z, w \in \mathbb{D}$  the map

$$t \mapsto K_1^{\nu+t\mu}(z, w) = \frac{1}{\pi} \left( \frac{1}{(z-w)^2} - \frac{(f^{\nu+t\mu})'(z)(f^{\nu+t\mu})'(w)}{(f^{\nu+t\mu}(z) - f^{\nu+t\mu}(w))^2} \right)$$

is holomorphic in a neighbourhood of  $t = 0$  in  $\mathbb{C}$ . We choose  $\delta > 0$  so that  $\|\nu + t\mu\|_\infty < 1$  for all  $|t| < \delta$ . For every  $t_0$  such that  $|t_0| < \delta$ , let  $\delta_1$  be such that  $0 < \delta_1 < \delta - |t_0|$ . Then for all  $|t - t_0| < \delta_1$ , we have by Cauchy integral formula,

$$\begin{aligned} & \left( K_1^{\nu+t\mu} - K_1^{\nu+t_0\mu} - (t - t_0) \frac{d}{dt} \Big|_{t=t_0} K_1^{\nu+t\mu} \right) (z, w) \\ &= \frac{(t - t_0)^2}{2\pi i} \oint_{|\zeta - t_0| = \delta_1} \frac{K_1^{\nu+\zeta\mu}(z, w)}{(\zeta - t)(\zeta - t_0)^2} d\zeta. \end{aligned}$$

Hence

$$\begin{aligned} (3.10) \quad & \left\| \frac{B_1(f^{\nu+t\mu}) - B_1(f^{\nu+t_0\mu})}{t - t_0} - \frac{d}{dt} \Big|_{t=t_0} B_1(f^{\nu+t\mu}) \right\|_2^2 \\ &= \iint_{\mathbb{D}} \iint_{\mathbb{D}} \left| \left( \frac{K_1^{\nu+t\mu} - K_1^{\nu+t_0\mu}}{t - t_0} - \frac{d}{dt} \Big|_{t=t_0} K_1^{\nu+t\mu} \right) (z, w) \right|^2 d^2 z d^2 w \\ &\leq \frac{|t - t_0|^2}{4\pi^2} \oint_{|\zeta - t_0| = \delta_1} \iint_{\mathbb{D}} \iint_{\mathbb{D}} |K_1^{\nu+\zeta\mu}(z, w)|^2 d^2 z d^2 w |d\zeta| \oint_{|\zeta - t_0| = \delta_1} \frac{|d\zeta|}{|\zeta - t|^2 |\zeta - t_0|^4}. \end{aligned}$$

We have from the proof of Theorem 3.6,

$$\iint_{\mathbb{D}} \iint_{\mathbb{D}} |K_1^{\nu+\zeta\mu}(z, w)|^2 d^2 z d^2 w \leq C \|\nu + \zeta\mu\|_2^2 \leq C(\|\nu\|_2 + \delta_1 \|\mu\|_2)^2,$$

so that (3.10) tends to 0 as  $t \rightarrow t_0$ , which proves the assertion.  $\square$

*Remark 3.11.* Since the classical Grunsky operator  $B_1$  is bounded, the mapping  $\mathcal{P}$  extends to the whole Banach manifold  $T(1)$ . Let  $\mathcal{B}(\ell^2)$  be the space

of bounded linear operators on  $\ell^2$ ,

$$\mathcal{B}(\ell^2) = \left\{ T : \ell^2 \rightarrow \ell^2 \text{ a linear operator} : \|T\| = \sup_{\|u\|=1} \|Tu\| < \infty \right\},$$

and define the mapping  $\hat{\mathcal{P}} : T(1) \rightarrow \mathcal{B}(\ell^2)$  by

$$\hat{\mathcal{P}}([\mu]) = B_1(f^\mu), \quad [\mu] \in T(1).$$

Analogous to Theorem 3.10, we show in Appendix B that the mapping  $\hat{\mathcal{P}}$  is a holomorphic inclusion.

**3.2. Fredholm eigenvalues and Fredholm determinant.** In [Sch57], Schiffer has studied the eigenvalues of the classical Poincaré-Fredholm boundary value problem of potential theory on a  $C^3$  curve. Here we show how Fredholm eigenvalues for a quasi-circle  $\mathcal{C} = f^\mu(S^1) = g_\mu(S^1)$ , associated with  $[\mu] \in T_0(1)$ , are related to the eigenvalues of trace class operators  $K_1$  and  $K_4$ .

Let  $\mathfrak{h}$  be a separable Hilbert space with the inner product  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$ . A conjugation operator  $J$  on  $\mathfrak{h}$  is an  $\mathbb{R}$ -linear operator satisfying  $J^2 = I$  and

$$(Jx, Jy) = \overline{(x, y)} \quad \text{for all } x, y \in \mathfrak{h}.$$

Conjugation operator is necessarily complex anti-linear. For every bounded linear operator  $T$  on  $\mathfrak{h}$ ,

$$\langle JTJx, y \rangle = \overline{\langle T Jx, Jy \rangle} = \overline{\langle Jx, T^* Jy \rangle} = \langle x, JT^* Jy \rangle \quad \text{for all } x, y \in \mathfrak{h},$$

so that

$$(JTJ)^* = JT^* J.$$

In particular, if  $U$  is a unitary operator on  $\mathfrak{h}$ , then  $JUJ$  is also a unitary operator. For a bounded linear operator  $T$  on  $\mathfrak{h}$  its transpose is defined as

$$T^t = JT^* J.$$

Generalizing the notion of symmetric complex-valued matrix, a bounded operator  $T$  on  $\mathfrak{h}$  is called symmetric with respect to the conjugation  $J$ , if

$$T = T^t.$$

The Hilbert space  $\mathfrak{h} = \ell^2$  carries a standard conjugation operator  $J$ , defined by (3.3). The following statement is a generalization of Schur's Lemma (see, e.g., [Pom75, Sect. 3.6]) to the case of compact operators on  $\ell^2$ .

**Lemma 3.12.** *Let  $T$  be a compact operator on  $\ell^2$ , symmetric with respect to the standard conjugation operator  $J$ . Then there exist a unitary operator  $U$  on  $\ell^2$  and an operator  $D \geq 0$  on  $\ell^2$ , diagonal with respect to the standard basis for  $\ell^2$ , such that*

$$T = UDU^t.$$

*Proof.* As in [Pom75], consider the decomposition

$$T = \frac{T + JTJ}{2} + i \frac{T - JTJ}{2i} = A + iB,$$

where  $A$  and  $B$  are self-adjoint compact operators satisfying  $AJ = JA$  and  $BJ = JB$ . Let  $\mathbf{T}$  be the self-adjoint operator on the Hilbert space  $\ell^2 \oplus \ell^2$  defined by

$$\mathbf{T} = \begin{pmatrix} A & B \\ B & -A \end{pmatrix}.$$

The operator  $\mathbf{T}$  is compact and satisfies

$$(3.11) \quad \mathbf{T}\mathbf{E} = -\mathbf{E}\mathbf{T} \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbf{T}\mathbf{J} = \mathbf{J}\mathbf{T},$$

where

$$\mathbf{E} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -I \\ I & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbf{J} = \begin{pmatrix} J & 0 \\ 0 & J \end{pmatrix}.$$

From the first equation in (3.11) it follows that if  $\mathbf{u} \in \ell^2 \oplus \ell^2$  is an eigenvector for  $\mathbf{T}$  with eigenvalue  $\lambda$ , then  $\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{E}\mathbf{u}$  is also an eigenvector for  $\mathbf{T}$  with eigenvalue  $-\lambda$ . It follows from Hilbert-Schmidt theorem on canonical form of compact self-adjoint operator that there exist a unitary operator  $\mathbf{U}$  on  $\ell^2 \oplus \ell^2$  of the form

$$\mathbf{U} = \begin{pmatrix} U_1 & U_2 \\ U_2 & -U_1 \end{pmatrix},$$

and an operator  $\mathbf{D}$  on  $\ell^2 \oplus \ell^2$  of the form

$$\mathbf{D} = \begin{pmatrix} D & 0 \\ 0 & -D \end{pmatrix},$$

where  $D$  is diagonal with non-negative entries, such that

$$\mathbf{T} = \mathbf{U}\mathbf{D}\mathbf{U}^*.$$

From the second equation in (3.11) it follows that  $\mathbf{T}(\mathbf{J}\mathbf{U}\mathbf{J}) = (\mathbf{J}\mathbf{U}\mathbf{J})\mathbf{D}$ . Since  $\mathbf{J}\mathbf{U}\mathbf{J}$  is also a unitary operator, we have

$$\mathbf{T} = (\mathbf{J}\mathbf{U}\mathbf{J})\mathbf{D}(\mathbf{J}\mathbf{U}\mathbf{J})^*.$$

Consequently, we can choose  $\mathbf{U}$  so that  $\mathbf{U} = \mathbf{J}\mathbf{U}\mathbf{J}$ . Now it follows from the canonical form that

$$T = A + iB = (U_1 + iU_2)D(U_1^* + iU_2^*).$$

Let  $U = U_1 + iU_2 : \ell^2 \rightarrow \ell^2$ . Since  $\mathbf{U}$  is a unitary operator,  $U$  is also unitary, and the property  $\mathbf{U}^* = \mathbf{J}\mathbf{U}^*\mathbf{J}$  implies that

$$JU^*J = J(U_1^* - iU_2^*)J = U_1^* + iU_2^*,$$

since  $J$  is complex anti-linear. □

**Corollary 3.13.** *The non-zero entries of the operator  $D$  are singular values of the operator  $T$ .*

*Proof.* Since the operator  $U^t$  is unitary,

$$TT^* = UD^2U^* = UD^2U^{-1},$$

so that the entries of  $D^2$  are the eigenvalues of  $TT^*$ .  $\square$

Now let  $(f, g)$  be a normalized disjoint pair of univalent functions such that the corresponding set  $F$  has Lebesgue measure zero and the Grunsky operator  $B_1$  is compact. We apply Schur's Lemma to the operator  $B_1$  on  $\ell^2$ . It follows from the symmetry property of Grunsky coefficients that

$$B_1^* = JB_1J.$$

Thus there exist a unitary operator  $U$  on  $\ell^2$  and a diagonal operator  $D$  with non-negative entries such that

$$B_1 = UDU^t.$$

From the first identity in (3.2), we obtain

$$U^{-1}B_2B_2^*U = I - D^2.$$

Since  $\|B_1\| < 1$ , the operator  $I - D^2$  is positive-definite and hence invertible, so that the operator

$$V = B_2^*U(I - D^2)^{-1/2}$$

is also unitary. Using the property  $B_3^t = B_2$ , which follows from the symmetry of Grunsky coefficients, and the third identity in (3.2), we obtain

$$V^tB_4V = -D.$$

Collecting everything together, we get the following identities:

$$\begin{aligned} B_1JUJ &= UD, & B_3JUJ &= JVJ(I - D^2)^{1/2}, \\ B_2V &= U(I - D^2)^{1/2}, & B_4V &= -JVJD. \end{aligned}$$

Letting

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda_n &= (D)_{nn}, & \rho_n &= ((1 - D^2)^{1/2})_{nn} = \sqrt{1 - \lambda_n^2} \\ \mathbf{u}_n(z) &= \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \sqrt{\frac{m}{\pi}} U_{mn} z^{m-1}, & \mathbf{v}_n(z) &= \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \sqrt{\frac{m}{\pi}} (JVJ)_{mn} z^{-m-1}, \end{aligned}$$

and realizing  $B_l$ 's as linear operators  $K_l$ 's, we obtain for  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \iint_{\mathbb{D}} K_1(z, w) \overline{\mathbf{u}_n(w)} d^2w &= \lambda_n \mathbf{u}_n(z), & \iint_{\mathbb{D}} K_3(z, w) \overline{\mathbf{u}_n(w)} d^2w &= \rho_n \mathbf{v}_n(z) \\ \iint_{\mathbb{D}^*} K_2(z, w) \overline{\mathbf{v}_n(w)} d^2w &= \rho_n \mathbf{u}_n(z), & \iint_{\mathbb{D}^*} K_4(z, w) \overline{\mathbf{v}_n(w)} d^2w &= -\lambda_n \mathbf{v}_n(z). \end{aligned}$$

Setting

$$u_n = \mathbf{u}_n \circ f^{-1}(f^{-1})' \quad \text{and} \quad v_n = \mathbf{v}_n \circ g^{-1}(g^{-1})',$$

we get,

$$\begin{aligned}
 (3.12) \quad & \frac{1}{\pi} \iint_{\Omega} \frac{\overline{u_n(w)}}{(z-w)^2} d^2w = -\lambda_n u_n(z), \quad z \in \Omega, \\
 & \frac{1}{\pi} \iint_{\Omega} \frac{\overline{u_n(w)}}{(z-w)^2} d^2w = \rho_n v_n(z), \quad z \in \Omega^*, \\
 & \frac{1}{\pi} \iint_{\Omega^*} \frac{\overline{v_n(w)}}{(z-w)^2} d^2w = \rho_n u_n(z), \quad z \in \Omega, \\
 & \frac{1}{\pi} \iint_{\Omega^*} \frac{\overline{v_n(w)}}{(z-w)^2} d^2w = \lambda_n v_n(z), \quad z \in \Omega^*.
 \end{aligned}$$

Comparing equations (3.12) with corresponding formulas in [Sch57], we find that  $\{\pm\lambda_n^{-1}\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  are Fredholm eigenvalues associated to the quasi-circle  $\mathcal{C} = f(S^1) = g(S^1)$ .

*Remark 3.14.* The relation between the Fredholm eigenvalues and the eigenvalues of the Grunsky operator for a  $C^3$  curve was first obtained by Schiffer in [Sch81]. Specifically, in [Sch81] Schiffer has shown that Fredholm eigenvalues, defined as the eigenvalues of classical Poincaré-Fredholm integral operator on  $C^3$  curve, satisfy (3.12). Furthermore, using completeness of the bases  $\{u_n\}$ ,  $\{v_n\}$  in corresponding Hilbert spaces, he proved the relation (3.2), which is equivalent to the generalized Grunsky equality with  $\lambda_0 = 0$ . Here we use the opposite approach. We start from the generalized Grunsky equality for the pair  $(f^\mu, g_\mu)$  for  $[\mu] \in T_0(1)$  and use it for deriving all necessary properties of the Grunsky operators. In particular, we prove that the Grunsky operators  $B_1$  and  $B_4$  associated with  $[\mu] \in T_0(1)$  are Hilbert-Schmidt. The case we consider is more general than in [Sch81] since the set of all quasi-circles  $f^\mu(S^1)$  for  $[\mu] \in T_0(1)$  contains the set of all  $C^3$  curves as a proper subset. In fact, we prove in Appendix B that the Grunsky operators  $B_1$  and  $B_4$  associated with  $[\mu] \in T(1)$  are compact if and only if  $[\mu] \in S$ , the subgroup of symmetric homeomorphisms of  $S^1$ . Our analysis of the relation between singular values of Grunsky operators and Fredholm eigenvalues still holds for this case.

As in [Sch59], for a pair  $(f, g)$  such that the corresponding operators  $K_1$  and  $K_4$  are of trace class, we define the Fredholm determinant for the corresponding quasi-circle  $\mathcal{C} = f(S^1)$  by

$$\text{Det}_F(\mathcal{C}) = \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} \rho_n^2 = \det(I - K_1) = \det(I - K_4).$$

Theorem 3.6 justifies the following definition.

**Definition 3.15.** The real-valued function  $S_2 : T_0(1) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is defined as

$$S_2([\mu]) = \log \text{Det}_F(f^\mu(S^1)), \quad [\mu] \in T_0(1).$$

It follows from (3.9) that

$$(3.13) \quad S_2([\mu]) = S_2([\mu]^{-1}), \quad [\mu] \in T_0(1).$$

**3.3. Period matrix of 1-forms.** For a normalized disjoint pair  $(f, g)$  of univalent functions we set  $\Omega = f(\mathbb{D})$ ,  $\Omega^* = g(\mathbb{D}^*)$ , and define the Hilbert spaces

$$A_2^1(\Omega) = \left\{ \psi \text{ holomorphic on } \Omega : \|\psi\|_2^2 = \iint_{\Omega} |\psi(z)|^2 d^2z < \infty \right\},$$

$$A_2^1(\Omega^*) = \left\{ \psi \text{ holomorphic on } \Omega^* : \|\psi\|_2^2 = \iint_{\Omega^*} |\psi(z)|^2 d^2z < \infty \right\}.$$

The Hilbert spaces  $A_2^1(\Omega)$  and  $A_2^1(\Omega^*)$  — the Hilbert spaces of holomorphic 1-forms on corresponding domains, are, respectively, naturally isomorphic to the Hilbert spaces  $A_2^1(\mathbb{D})$  and  $A_2^1(\mathbb{D}^*)$ .

Consider generalized Faber polynomials of  $g$  and  $f$  defined, respectively, by [Pom75, Teo03]

$$\log \frac{g(z) - w}{bz} = - \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{P_n(w)}{n} z^{-n},$$

$$\log \frac{w - f(z)}{w} = \log \frac{f(z)}{z} - \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{Q_n(w)}{n} z^n.$$

Here  $P_n(w)$  is a polynomial of degree  $n$  in  $w$  and  $Q_n(w)$  is a polynomial of degree  $n$  in  $1/w$ . Specifically,

$$P_n(w) = (g^{-1}(w))_{\geq 0}^n,$$

the polynomial part of the  $n$ -th power of the inverse function  $g^{-1}$ , and

$$Q_n(w) = (f^{-1}(w))_{\leq 0}^{-n},$$

the principal part of the negative  $n$ -th power of the inverse function  $f^{-1}$ . Here for  $S \subset \mathbb{Z}$  and a formal power series  $A(w) = \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} A_n w^n$  we denote  $(A(w))_S = \sum_{n \in S} A_n w^n$ .

Comparing the definition of Faber polynomials with the definition of Grunsky coefficients, we obtain the following relations (see, e.g. [Pom75, Teo03])

$$P_n(g(z)) = z^n + n \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} b_{nm} z^{-m}, \quad P_n(f(z)) = n b_{n,0} + n \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} b_{n,-m} z^m,$$

$$Q_n(g(z)) = -n b_{-n,0} + n \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} b_{m,-n} z^{-m}, \quad Q_n(f(z)) = z^{-n} + n \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} b_{-n,-m} z^m.$$



Now assume that the pair  $(f, g)$  is such that the corresponding set  $F = \mathbb{C} \setminus \{f(\mathbb{D}) \cup g(\mathbb{D}^*)\}$  has Lebesgue measure zero. Then it follows from the above formulas and Remark 3.3 that the Hilbert spaces  $A_2^1(\Omega)$  and  $A_2^1(\Omega^*)$  have natural bases  $\{\alpha_n\}_{n=1}^\infty$  and  $\{\beta_n\}_{n=1}^\infty$ , given respectively by the polynomials

$$\alpha_n(z) = \frac{P'_n(z)}{\sqrt{\pi n}}, \quad n \in \mathbb{N},$$

and by the Laurent polynomials

$$\beta_n(z) = \frac{Q'_n(z)}{\sqrt{\pi n}}, \quad n \in \mathbb{N}.$$

Indeed, we have

$$\alpha_n \circ f f' = \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} (B_3)_{nm} e_m \quad \text{and} \quad \beta_n \circ g g' = \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} (B_2)_{nm} f_m,$$

and the inner products are given by

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \alpha_n, \alpha_m \rangle &= \iint_{\Omega} \alpha_n(z) \overline{\alpha_m(z)} d^2 z = \iint_{\mathbb{D}} \alpha_n(f(z)) f'(z) \overline{\alpha_m(f(z)) f'(z)} d^2 z \\ &= \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (B_3)_{nk} \overline{(B_3)_{mk}}. \end{aligned}$$

Hence the period matrix of  $A_2^1(\Omega)$  with respect to the basis  $\{\alpha_n\}_{n=1}^\infty$  of holomorphic 1-forms on  $\Omega$  (the Gram matrix of the basis) is given by

$$N_{\Omega} = \{\langle \alpha_n, \alpha_m \rangle\}_{m,n=1}^\infty = B_3 B_3^*.$$

Similarly, the period matrix of the basis  $\{\beta_n\}_{n=1}^\infty$  of holomorphic 1-forms on  $\Omega^*$  is given by

$$N_{\Omega^*} = \{\langle \beta_n, \beta_m \rangle\}_{m,n=1}^\infty = B_2 B_2^*.$$

We just proved the following result.

**Corollary 3.16.** *Let  $(f, g)$  be a normalized disjoint pair of univalent functions such that the set  $F = \mathbb{C} \setminus \{f(\mathbb{D}) \cup g(\mathbb{D}^*)\}$  has Lebesgue measure zero and the corresponding Grunsky operators  $B_1$  and  $B_4$  are Hilbert-Schmidt. Then for  $\mathcal{C} = f(S^1)$ ,*

$$\text{Det}_F(\mathcal{C}) = \det N_{\Omega} = \det N_{\Omega^*}$$

#### 4. VARIATIONS OF THE FUNCTIONS $S_1$ AND $S_2$

Let  $\partial$  and  $\bar{\partial}$  be  $(1, 0)$  and  $(0, 1)$  components of de Rham differential  $d$  on the complex manifold  $T_0(1)$ . Here we compute the “first variations” of the functions  $S_1$  and  $S_2$  — the  $(1, 0)$ -forms  $\partial S_1$  and  $\partial S_2$  on  $T_0(1)$ .

#### 4.1. The first variation of $S_2$ .

**Theorem 4.1.** *The real-valued function  $S_2 : T_0(1) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is differentiable at every point  $[\nu] \in T_0(1)$ . In terms of the Bers coordinates  $\varepsilon_\mu$  on the chart  $V_\nu$ ,*

$$\frac{\partial S_2}{\partial \varepsilon_\mu}([\nu]) = -\frac{1}{6\pi} \iint_{\mathbb{D}^*} \mathcal{S}(g_\nu)(z) \mu(z) d^2 z.$$

Here  $w_\nu = g_\nu^{-1} \circ f^\nu$  is the conformal welding corresponding to  $[\nu] \in T_0(1)$ .

*Proof.* By definition of the Bers coordinates (see Section 3.3. in Part I), for  $\mu \in H^{-1,1}(\mathbb{D}^*)$

$$\frac{\partial S_2}{\partial \varepsilon_\mu}([\nu]) = \left. \frac{d}{d\varepsilon} \right|_{\varepsilon=0} S_2([\varepsilon\mu * \nu]).$$

Set  $w_{\varepsilon\mu} \circ w_\nu = g_\varepsilon^{-1} \circ f^\varepsilon$ ,  $f = f^0 = f^\nu$ ,  $g = g_0 = g_\nu$  and  $K_1(\varepsilon) = K_1(f^\varepsilon)$ . Since  $K_1(\varepsilon)$  is a holomorphic family, we have

$$(4.1) \quad \frac{\partial S_2}{\partial \varepsilon_\mu}([\nu]) = \left. \frac{\partial}{\partial \varepsilon} \right|_{\varepsilon=0} \det(I - K_1(\varepsilon)) = -\text{Tr} \left( (I - K_1)^{-1} \frac{\partial K_1}{\partial \varepsilon}(0) \right)$$

(see, e.g., [GK69, Ch. IV.1, Property 9]). Now using Lemma 3.7, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial K_1}{\partial \varepsilon_\mu}([\nu])(z, w) &= \frac{1}{\pi^2} \iint_{\mathbb{D}} \iint_{\mathbb{D}^*} \frac{\mu(u) f'(z) g'(u)^2 f'(\zeta)}{(f(z) - g(u))^2 (g(u) - f(\zeta))^2} K_1^*(\zeta, w) d^2 u d^2 \zeta \\ &= \iint_{\mathbb{D}} \iint_{\mathbb{D}^*} \mu(u) K_2(z, u) K_3(u, \zeta) K_1^*(\zeta, w) d^2 u d^2 \zeta \\ &= - \iint_{\mathbb{D}^*} \iint_{\mathbb{D}} \mu(u) K_2(z, u) K_4(u, \zeta) K_2^*(\zeta, w) d^2 u d^2 \zeta. \end{aligned}$$

Here in the last line, we have used the second relation in (3.2),

$$K_3 K_1^* = -K_4 K_2^*.$$

Let  $R_2(z, w)$  be the kernel of the inverse operator  $K_2^{-1}$  — the anti-holomorphic function on  $\mathbb{D}^* \times \mathbb{D}$  satisfying

$$\begin{aligned} \iint_{\mathbb{D}^*} K_2(z, \zeta) R_2(\zeta, w) d^2 \zeta &= I_1(z, w) = \frac{1}{\pi(1 - z\bar{w})^2}, \\ \iint_{\mathbb{D}} R_2(z, \zeta) K_2(\zeta, w) d^2 \zeta &= I_2(z, w) = \frac{1}{\pi(1 - \bar{z}w)^2}. \end{aligned}$$

Here  $I_1(z, w)$  and  $I_2(z, w)$  are the kernels of the identity operators on  $A_2^1(\mathbb{D})$  and  $\overline{A_2^1(\mathbb{D}^*)}$  respectively. Similarly, let  $R_2^*(z, w)$  be the kernel of the inverse operator  $(K_2^*)^{-1}$ . We have

$$(I - K_1)^{-1} = K_2^{-1} = (K_2^*)^{-1} K_2^{-1},$$

so that

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{\partial S_2}{\partial \varepsilon_\mu}([\nu]) &= \iint_{\mathbb{D}} \iint_{\mathbb{D}^*} \iint_{\mathbb{D}} \iint_{\mathbb{D}^*} \iint_{\mathbb{D}^*} \mu(u) R_2^*(w, \eta) R_2(\eta, z) \\
&\quad K_2(z, u) K_4(u, \zeta) K_2^*(\zeta, w) d^2 u d^2 \zeta d^2 z d^2 \eta d^2 w \\
&= \iint_{\mathbb{D}^*} \iint_{\mathbb{D}^*} \iint_{\mathbb{D}^*} \mu(u) K_4(u, \zeta) I_2(\eta, u) I_2(\zeta, \eta) d^2 u d^2 \eta d^2 \zeta \\
&= \iint_{\mathbb{D}^*} \iint_{\mathbb{D}^*} \mu(u) K_4(u, \zeta) I_2(\zeta, u) d^2 u d^2 \zeta \\
&= \iint_{\mathbb{D}^*} \mu(u) K_4(u, u) d^2 u = -\frac{1}{6\pi} \iint_{\mathbb{D}^*} \mathcal{S}(g_\nu)(u) \mu(u) d^2 u.
\end{aligned}$$

Here in the last line we have used

$$K_4(u, u) = -\frac{1}{\pi} \lim_{\zeta \rightarrow u} \left( \frac{g'(u)g'(\zeta)}{(g(\zeta) - g(u))^2} - \frac{1}{(\zeta - u)^2} \right) = -\frac{1}{6\pi} \mathcal{S}(g)(u).$$

□

Denote by  $T_{[\mu]}^* T_0(1)$  the holomorphic cotangent space to  $T_0(1)$  at a point  $[\mu] \in T_0(1)$ . The natural isomorphism  $T_{[\mu]} T_0(1) \simeq H^{-1,1}(\mathbb{D}^*)$  induces the isomorphism  $T_{[\mu]}^* T_0(1) \simeq A_2(\mathbb{D}^*)$ . Define a holomorphic 1-form  $\boldsymbol{\vartheta}$  on  $T_0(1)$  by

$$\boldsymbol{\vartheta}_{[\mu]} = \mathcal{S}(g_\mu) \in A_2(\mathbb{D}^*),$$

where  $w_\mu = g_\mu^{-1} \circ f^\mu \in T_0(1)$ .

**Corollary 4.2.** *On  $T_0(1)$ ,*

$$\partial S_2 = -\frac{1}{6\pi} \boldsymbol{\vartheta}.$$

*Remark 4.3.* For  $C^3$  curves the statement of Theorem 4.1 was obtained by Schiffer in [Sch59]. The derivation in [Sch59] uses the variational theory of Fredholm eigenvalues and the exterior variation of the domain. Our proof is different from Schiffer's: we use general formula (4.1) and the quasi-conformal variation.

**4.2. The first variation of  $S_1$ .** In addition to  $S_1$ , we introduce another function  $\tilde{S}_1 : T_0(1) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  defined by

$$\tilde{S}_1([\mu]) = S_1([\mu^{-1}]).$$

Using (2.3), we get

$$\begin{aligned}\tilde{S}_1([\mu]) &= \iint_{\mathbb{D}} \left| \mathcal{A}(f^\mu) - 2 \frac{(f^\mu)'}{f^\mu} + \frac{2}{z} \right|^2 d^2z + \iint_{\mathbb{D}^*} \left| \mathcal{A}(g_\mu) - 2 \frac{g'_\mu}{g_\mu} + \frac{2}{z} \right|^2 d^2z \\ &\quad - 4\pi \log |(g_\mu)'(\infty)| \\ &= \iint_{\mathbb{D}} |\mathcal{A}(\tilde{g}_\mu)|^2 d^2z + \iint_{\mathbb{D}^*} |\mathcal{A}(\tilde{f}^\mu)|^2 d^2z + 4\pi \log |\tilde{g}'_\mu(0)|,\end{aligned}$$

where  $\tilde{f}^\mu = \iota \circ f^\mu \circ \iota$ ,  $\tilde{g}_\mu = \iota \circ g_\mu \circ \iota$  and  $\iota(z) = \frac{1}{z}$ . The functions  $\tilde{f}^\mu$  and  $\tilde{g}_\mu$  are univalent, respectively, on the domains  $\mathbb{D}^*$  and  $\mathbb{D}$  and are normalized as  $\tilde{f}^\mu(\infty) = \infty$ ,  $(\tilde{f}^\mu)'(\infty) = 1$  and  $\tilde{g}_\mu(0) = 0$ . They satisfy the factorization

$$(4.2) \quad \tilde{w}_\mu = \tilde{g}_\mu^{-1} \circ \tilde{f}^\mu,$$

where  $\tilde{w}_\mu = \iota \circ w_\mu \circ \iota$ .

This description corresponds to the realization of  $T(1)$  associated with the model  $\mathbb{H}^2 \simeq \mathbb{D}$ . Namely, due to the canonical isomorphism

$$\mu \in L^\infty(\mathbb{D}^*) \mapsto \tilde{\mu} = \iota^* \mu = \mu \left( \frac{1}{z} \right) \frac{z^2}{\bar{z}^2} \in L^\infty(\mathbb{D}),$$

we have  $T(1) \simeq L^\infty(\mathbb{D})_1 / \sim$ . If  $w_\mu$  is a q.c. mapping associated with  $\mu \in L^\infty(\mathbb{D}^*)_1$ , then  $\tilde{w}_\mu$  is the q.c. mapping associated with  $\tilde{\mu} \in L^\infty(\mathbb{D})_1$ , and corresponding conformal welding is given by (4.2).

In this section, we will also use the model  $T(1) \simeq L^\infty(\mathbb{D})_1$ . To simplify the notations, for  $\mu \in L^\infty(\mathbb{D})_1$  we will denote corresponding q.c. mapping by  $w_\mu = g_\mu^{-1} \circ f^\mu$ , where  $f^\mu$  and  $g_\mu$  are univalent on the domains  $\mathbb{D}^*$  and  $\mathbb{D}$  and are normalized as  $f^\mu(\infty) = \infty$ ,  $(f^\mu)'(\infty) = 1$  and  $g_\mu(0) = 0$ . Correspondingly, for  $\gamma = g^{-1} \circ f \in \mathcal{T}(1)$  we would have the normalization  $f(\infty) = \infty$ ,  $f'(\infty) = 1$  and  $g(0) = 0$ . To avoid confusion with the notations for our primary model  $T(1) = L^\infty(\mathbb{D}^*)_1 / \sim$ , we will always specify explicitly in the main text when we are using the model  $T(1) \simeq L^\infty(\mathbb{D})_1 / \sim$ .

The function  $S_1$  on  $T_0(1)$  naturally extends to a function  $\hat{S}$  on  $\mathcal{T}_0(1)$ , defined by

$$\hat{S}(\gamma) = \iint_{\mathbb{D}} |\mathcal{A}(f)|^2 d^2z + \iint_{\mathbb{D}^*} |\mathcal{A}(g)|^2 d^2z - 4\pi \log |g'(\infty)|,$$

where  $\gamma = g^{-1} \circ f \in \mathcal{T}_0(1)$ . For  $\tilde{S}(\gamma) = \hat{S}(\gamma^{-1})$  we have

$$\tilde{S}(\gamma) = \iint_{\mathbb{D}} |\mathcal{A}(\tilde{g})|^2 d^2z + \iint_{\mathbb{D}^*} |\mathcal{A}(\tilde{f})|^2 d^2z + 4\pi \log |\tilde{g}'(0)|,$$

where  $\tilde{f} = \iota \circ f \circ \iota$  and  $\tilde{g} = \iota \circ g \circ \iota$ .

**Lemma 4.4.** *The function  $\tilde{S}$  is constant along the fibers of the canonical projection  $\pi : \mathcal{T}_0(1) \rightarrow T_0(1)$ ,  $\tilde{S} = \tilde{S}_1 \circ \pi$ .*

*Proof.* We are using the model  $T(1) \simeq L^\infty(\mathbb{D})_1 / \sim$ . For  $\mu \in L^\infty(\mathbb{D})_1$  let  $\gamma = g^{-1} \circ f$ ,  $\gamma_\mu = g_\mu^{-1} \circ f^\mu \in \mathcal{T}_0(1)$  be such that  $\pi(\gamma) = \pi(\gamma_\mu) = [\mu]$ . Comparing the normalization for  $f$  and  $f^\mu$  at  $\infty$ , we get

$$f = \sigma \circ f^\mu \quad \text{and} \quad g = \sigma \circ g_\mu \circ \alpha^{-1},$$

for some  $\alpha \in \text{PSU}(1, 1)$  and  $\sigma(z) = z + b_0$ . Since  $f \mapsto \mathcal{A}(f)$  is invariant if  $f$  is post-composed with a translation<sup>2</sup>, to prove that  $\tilde{S}(\gamma) = \tilde{S}(\gamma_\mu)$  we need only to check that for  $\alpha \in \text{PSU}(1, 1)$ ,

$$\iint_{\mathbb{D}} |\mathcal{A}(g \circ \alpha^{-1})|^2 d^2 z + 4\pi \log |(g \circ \alpha^{-1})'(0)| = \iint_{\mathbb{D}} |\mathcal{A}(g)|^2 d^2 z + 4\pi \log |g'(0)|.$$

Let

$$\alpha(z) = e^{i\theta} \frac{z - w}{1 - z\bar{w}}$$

and set  $\log g'(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n z^n$ . Then  $\mathcal{A}(g) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n a_n z^{n-1}$  and

$$\begin{aligned} \iint_{\mathbb{D}} |\mathcal{A}(g \circ \alpha^{-1})|^2 d^2 z &= \iint_{\mathbb{D}} |\mathcal{A}(g) \circ \alpha^{-1} (\alpha^{-1})' + \mathcal{A}(\alpha^{-1})|^2 d^2 z \\ &= \iint_{\mathbb{D}} |\mathcal{A}(g) - \mathcal{A}(\alpha)|^2 d^2 z = \iint_{\mathbb{D}} \left| \mathcal{A}(g) - \frac{2\bar{w}}{1 - z\bar{w}} \right|^2 d^2 z \\ &= \iint_{\mathbb{D}} |\mathcal{A}(g)|^2 d^2 z - 4 \operatorname{Re} \left( w \iint_{\mathbb{D}} \mathcal{A}(g)(z) \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (w\bar{z})^{n-1} d^2 z \right) \\ &\quad + 4|w|^2 \iint_{\mathbb{D}} \left| \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (w\bar{z})^{n-1} \right|^2 d^2 z. \end{aligned}$$

The last two terms give

$$\begin{aligned} &-4\pi \operatorname{Re} \left( \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n w^n \right) + 4\pi \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{|w|^{2n}}{n} \\ &= -4\pi \log |g'(w)| + 4\pi \log |g'(0)| - 4\pi \log(1 - |w|^2). \end{aligned}$$

On the other hand, we have

$$(g \circ \alpha^{-1})'(0) = g'(\alpha^{-1}(0))(\alpha^{-1})'(0) = (1 - |w|^2)g'(w).$$

This concludes the proof.  $\square$

**Theorem 4.5.** *The real-valued function  $\tilde{S}_1 : T_0(1) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is differentiable at every point  $[\nu] \in T_0(1)$ . In terms of the Bers coordinates  $\varepsilon_\mu$  on the chart  $V_\nu$ ,*

$$\frac{\partial \tilde{S}_1}{\partial \varepsilon_\mu}([\nu]) = 2 \iint_{\mathbb{D}^*} \mathcal{S}(g_\nu)(z) \mu(z) d^2 z.$$

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<sup>2</sup>This is why it is more convenient to use the model  $T(1) \simeq L^\infty(\mathbb{D})_1 / \sim$ .

*Proof.* We are using the model  $T(1) \simeq L^\infty(\mathbb{D})_1$ . For  $[\nu] \in T_0(1)$  choose a representative  $\nu \in L^\infty(\mathbb{D})_1$  which is a product of elements in  $H^{-1,1}(\mathbb{D})_1$ , and let  $w_\varepsilon = w_{\varepsilon\mu} \circ w_\nu = g_\varepsilon^{-1} \circ f^\varepsilon$ . It follows from Lemma 2.5 in Part I that corresponding  $\gamma_\varepsilon = g_\varepsilon^{-1} \circ f^\varepsilon$  fixes  $0, 1, \infty$ . By the above lemma,

$$\tilde{S}_1([\varepsilon\mu * \nu]) = \tilde{S}(\gamma_\varepsilon).$$

We have  $\gamma_\varepsilon \circ \gamma_\nu^{-1} = \gamma_{\varepsilon\kappa}$ , where  $\kappa = (\alpha^{-1})^*(\mu)$  and  $\alpha = \gamma_\nu \circ w_\nu^{-1} \in \text{PSU}(1, 1)$ . Set  $f = f^0$ ,  $g = g^0$ , so that  $g = \sigma \circ g_\nu \circ \alpha^{-1}$  for some  $\sigma \in \text{PSL}(2, \mathbb{C})$ , and define  $v_\varepsilon = f^\varepsilon \circ f^{-1}$ . Since  $f^\varepsilon$  is normalized, it's Laurent expansion at  $\infty$  has the form

$$f^\varepsilon(z) = z + \frac{b_1}{z} + \frac{b_2}{z^2} + \dots$$

Hence

$$\left. \frac{\partial}{\partial \varepsilon} \right|_{\varepsilon=0} v_\varepsilon(z) = O(z^{-1}) \quad \text{as } z \rightarrow \infty,$$

and the first variations of  $v_\varepsilon$  have the form

$$\left. \frac{\partial}{\partial \varepsilon} \right|_{\varepsilon=0} v_\varepsilon(z) = -\frac{1}{\pi} \iint_{\Omega} \frac{((g^{-1})^* \kappa)(w)}{w - z} d^2 w, \quad \left. \frac{\partial}{\partial \bar{\varepsilon}} \right|_{\varepsilon=0} v_\varepsilon(z) = 0,$$

where  $\Omega = g(\mathbb{D})$ . Since  $\gamma_{\varepsilon\kappa}$  fixes  $0, 1, \infty$ , we also have

$$\begin{aligned} \left. \frac{\partial}{\partial \varepsilon} \right|_{\varepsilon=0} \gamma_{\varepsilon\kappa}(z) &= -\frac{1}{\pi} \iint_{\mathbb{D}} \frac{z(z-1)\kappa(w)}{(w-z)w(w-1)} d^2 w, \\ \left. \frac{\partial}{\partial \bar{\varepsilon}} \right|_{\varepsilon=0} \gamma_{\varepsilon\kappa}(z) &= -\frac{1}{\pi} \iint_{\mathbb{D}} \frac{z(z-1)\overline{\kappa(w)}}{(1-\bar{w}z)\bar{w}(1-\bar{w})} d^2 w. \end{aligned}$$

Using  $f^\varepsilon = v_\varepsilon \circ f$ , we obtain

$$\mathcal{A}(f^\varepsilon) = \mathcal{A}(v_\varepsilon) \circ f f' + \mathcal{A}(f).$$

Applying the variational formulas for  $v_\varepsilon$ , we have

$$\left. \frac{\partial}{\partial \varepsilon} \right|_{\varepsilon=0} \mathcal{A}(v_\varepsilon)(z) = \frac{\partial^2}{\partial z^2} \left. \frac{\partial}{\partial \varepsilon} \right|_{\varepsilon=0} v_\varepsilon(z) = -\frac{2}{\pi} \iint_{\Omega} \frac{((g^{-1})^* \kappa)(w)}{(w-z)^3} d^2 w,$$

and hence

$$\left. \frac{\partial}{\partial \varepsilon} \right|_{\varepsilon=0} \iint_{\mathbb{D}^*} |\mathcal{A}(f^\varepsilon)|^2 d^2 z = -\frac{2}{\pi} \iint_{\mathbb{D}^*} \iint_{\mathbb{D}} \frac{\kappa(w)g'(w)^2 f'(z)}{(g(w) - f(z))^3} \overline{\mathcal{A}(f)(z)} d^2 w d^2 z = I_1.$$

Similarly, using

$$g_\varepsilon \circ \gamma_{\varepsilon\kappa} = v_\varepsilon \circ g,$$

we have

$$g'_\varepsilon \circ \gamma_{\varepsilon\kappa}(\gamma_{\varepsilon\kappa} z) = v'_\varepsilon \circ g g',$$

and

$$\mathcal{A}(g_\varepsilon) \circ \gamma_{\varepsilon\kappa}(\gamma_{\varepsilon\kappa})_z + \mathcal{A}(\gamma_{\varepsilon\kappa}) = \mathcal{A}(v_\varepsilon) \circ g g' + \mathcal{A}(g),$$

where

$$\mathcal{A}(\gamma_{\varepsilon\kappa}) = \frac{(\gamma_{\varepsilon\kappa})_{zz}}{(\gamma_{\varepsilon\kappa})_z}.$$

Hence we have

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial}{\partial \varepsilon} \Big|_{\varepsilon=0} g'_\varepsilon(0) &= -g''(0) \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial \varepsilon} \Big|_{\varepsilon=0} \gamma_{\varepsilon\kappa} \right) (0) - g'(0) \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial \varepsilon} \Big|_{\varepsilon=0} \gamma_{\varepsilon\kappa} \right) (0) \\ &\quad + g'(0) \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial \varepsilon} \Big|_{\varepsilon=0} v_\varepsilon \right) (0) \\ &= \frac{g'(0)}{\pi} \iint_{\mathbb{D}} \kappa(w) \left( \frac{1}{w^2} - \frac{1}{w(w-1)} - \frac{g'(w)^2}{g(w)^2} \right) d^2w, \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial}{\partial \varepsilon} \Big|_{\varepsilon=0} \overline{g'_\varepsilon(0)} &= \overline{-g''(0) \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial \varepsilon} \Big|_{\varepsilon=0} \gamma_{\varepsilon\kappa} \right) (0) - g'(0) \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial \varepsilon} \Big|_{\varepsilon=0} \gamma_{\varepsilon\kappa} \right) (0)} \\ &= \frac{\overline{g'(0)}}{\pi} \iint_{\mathbb{D}} \frac{\kappa(w)}{w(w-1)} d^2w, \end{aligned}$$

as well as

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial}{\partial \varepsilon} \Big|_{\varepsilon=0} \mathcal{A}(g_\varepsilon) \circ \gamma_{\varepsilon\kappa}(\gamma_{\varepsilon\kappa})_z &= \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial \varepsilon} \Big|_{\varepsilon=0} \mathcal{A}(v_\varepsilon) \right) \circ g g' - \frac{\partial}{\partial \varepsilon} \Big|_{\varepsilon=0} \mathcal{A}(\gamma_{\varepsilon\kappa}) \\ &= -\frac{2}{\pi} \iint_{\mathbb{D}} \kappa(w) \left( \frac{g'(w)^2 g'(z)}{(g(w) - g(z))^3} - \frac{1}{(w - z)^3} \right) d^2w, \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \varepsilon} \Big|_{\varepsilon=0} \overline{\mathcal{A}(g_\varepsilon) \circ \gamma_{\varepsilon\kappa}(\gamma_{\varepsilon\kappa})_z} = -\overline{\frac{\partial}{\partial \varepsilon} \Big|_{\varepsilon=0} \mathcal{A}(\gamma_{\varepsilon\kappa})} = \frac{2}{\pi} \iint_{\mathbb{D}} \frac{\kappa(w)}{(1 - w\bar{z})^3} d^2w.$$

From here we get

$$2\pi \frac{\partial}{\partial \varepsilon} \Big|_{\varepsilon=0} \log |g'_\varepsilon(0)|^2 = -2 \iint_{\mathbb{D}} \kappa(w) \left( \frac{g'(w)^2}{g(w)^2} - \frac{1}{w^2} \right) d^2w = I_2,$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial}{\partial \varepsilon} \Big|_{\varepsilon=0} \iint_{\mathbb{D}} |\mathcal{A}(g_\varepsilon)|^2 d^2 z &= \frac{\partial}{\partial \varepsilon} \Big|_{\varepsilon=0} \iint_{\mathbb{D}} |\mathcal{A}(g_\varepsilon) \circ \gamma_{\varepsilon \kappa}(\gamma_{\varepsilon \kappa})_z|^2 (1 - |\varepsilon \kappa|^2) d^2 z \\ &= -\frac{2}{\pi} \iint_{\mathbb{D}} \iint_{\mathbb{D}} \kappa(w) \left( \frac{g'(w)^2 g'(z)}{(g(w) - g(z))^3} - \frac{1}{(w - z)^3} \right) \overline{\mathcal{A}(g)(z)} d^2 w d^2 z \\ &\quad + \frac{2}{\pi} \iint_{\mathbb{D}} \iint_{\mathbb{D}} \frac{\kappa(w) \mathcal{A}(g)(z)}{w(1 - w\bar{z})^3} d^2 w d^2 z = I_3 + I_4. \end{aligned}$$

Let  $\log g'(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n z^n$  be the power series expansion of  $\log g'(z)$ . Then  $\mathcal{A}(g) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n a_n z^{n-1}$ . Explicit computation gives

$$\frac{2}{\pi} \iint_{\mathbb{D}} \frac{\mathcal{A}(g)(z)}{w(1 - w\bar{z})^3} d^2 z = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n(n+1) a_n w^{n-2} = \mathcal{A}(g)'(w) + \frac{2}{w} \mathcal{A}(g)(w).$$

Hence

$$I_4 = \iint_{\mathbb{D}} \kappa(w) \left( \mathcal{A}(g)'(w) + \frac{2}{w} \mathcal{A}(g)(w) \right) d^2 w.$$

To compute the other terms, we define the following holomorphic function on  $\mathbb{D}$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} h(w) &= \frac{1}{\pi} \iint_{\mathbb{D}^*} \frac{g'(w) f'(z)}{(g(w) - f(z))^2} \overline{\mathcal{A}(f)(z)} d^2 z \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{\pi} \iint_{\mathbb{D}} \left( \frac{g'(w) g'(z)}{(g(w) - g(z))^2} - \frac{1}{(w - z)^2} \right) \overline{\mathcal{A}(g)(z)} d^2 z. \end{aligned}$$

Then it is easy to check that

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial}{\partial \varepsilon} \Big|_{\varepsilon=0} \tilde{\mathcal{S}}(\gamma_\varepsilon) &= I_1 + I_2 + I_3 + I_4 \\ &= \iint_{\mathbb{D}} \kappa(w) \left( h'(w) - \mathcal{A}(g)(w) h(w) - 2 \frac{g'(w)^2}{g(w)^2} + \frac{2}{w^2} + \mathcal{A}(g)'(w) + \frac{2}{w} \mathcal{A}(g)(w) \right) d^2 w. \end{aligned}$$

To finish the proof, we claim that

$$h(w) = \mathcal{A}(g)(w) - 2 \frac{g'(w)}{g(w)} + \frac{2}{w},$$



which is going to be proved in the next lemma. With this equation for  $h$ , it is straightforward to compute that

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial}{\partial \varepsilon} \Big|_{\varepsilon=0} \tilde{S}(\gamma_\varepsilon) &= \iint_{\mathbb{D}} (2\mathcal{A}(g)'(w) - \mathcal{A}(g)(w)^2) \kappa(w) d^2 w \\ &= 2 \iint_{\mathbb{D}} \mathcal{S}(g)(w) \kappa(w) d^2 w = 2 \iint_{\mathbb{D}} \mathcal{S}(g_\nu)(w) \mu(w) d^2 w. \end{aligned}$$

Returning back to the model  $T(1) = L^\infty(\mathbb{D}^*)_1 / \sim$ , we get the statement of the theorem.  $\square$

**Lemma 4.6.** *In the model  $T(1) \simeq L^\infty(\mathbb{D})_1 / \sim$ , let  $\gamma = g^{-1} \circ f$  be the conformal welding corresponding to  $\gamma \in \mathcal{T}_0(1)$ . Then for  $z \in \mathbb{D}$  the following identity holds*

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{A}(g)(z) - 2 \frac{g'(z)}{g(z)} + \frac{2}{z} &= \frac{1}{\pi} \iint_{\mathbb{D}^*} \frac{g'(z) f'(w)}{(g(z) - f(w))^2} \overline{\mathcal{A}(f)(w)} d^2 w \\ &+ \frac{1}{\pi} \iint_{\mathbb{D}} \left( \frac{g'(z) g'(w)}{(g(w) - g(w))^2} - \frac{1}{(z - w)^2} \right) \overline{\mathcal{A}(g)(w)} d^2 w. \end{aligned}$$

*Proof.* First we consider the case when  $\mathcal{A}(g)$  and  $\mathcal{A}(f)$  are smooth functions on  $S^1$ . Specifically, we assume that the Beltrami differential  $\mu$  corresponding to  $\pi(\gamma) \in \mathcal{T}_0(1)$ , is smooth on  $\mathbb{C}$  and  $\mu|_{S^1} = \mu_{\bar{z}}|_{S^1} = 0$ . Denote by  $h(z)$  the right-hand side of the identity of the lemma. Changing the variables of integration and using Stokes' theorem, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} h \circ g^{-1}(g^{-1})'(z) &= -\frac{1}{\pi} \iint_{\Omega^*} \frac{\overline{\mathcal{A}(f^{-1})(w)}}{(z - w)^2} d^2 w - \frac{1}{\pi} \iint_{\Omega} \frac{\overline{\mathcal{A}(g^{-1})(w)}}{(z - w)^2} d^2 w \\ &= \frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_{\mathcal{C}} \frac{1}{(z - w)} \left( \overline{\mathcal{A}(g^{-1})(w)} - \overline{\mathcal{A}(f^{-1})(w)} \right) d\bar{w}, \end{aligned}$$

where  $\Omega = g(\mathbb{D})$ ,  $\Omega^* = f(\mathbb{D}^*)$  and  $\mathcal{C} = g(S^1)$ . Next, consider the relation  $\tilde{\gamma} \circ g^{-1} = f^{-1}$ , where  $\tilde{\gamma} = \gamma^{-1}$ , and differentiate it twice with respect to  $z$ . Since  $\tilde{\gamma}_{\bar{z}}$  vanishes on  $S^1$ , we get the following relations on  $\mathcal{C}$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\tilde{\gamma}_z}{\tilde{\gamma}} \circ g^{-1}(g^{-1})_z &= \frac{(f^{-1})_z}{f^{-1}}, \\ \mathcal{A}(\tilde{\gamma}) \circ g^{-1}(g^{-1})_z &= \mathcal{A}(f^{-1}) - \mathcal{A}(g^{-1}). \end{aligned}$$

Hence

$$\begin{aligned} h \circ g^{-1}(g^{-1})'(z) &= -\frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_{\mathcal{C}} \frac{1}{(z - w)} \overline{(\mathcal{A}(\tilde{\gamma}) \circ g^{-1})(w) (g^{-1})_w(w)} d\bar{w} \\ &= -\frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_{S^1} \frac{1}{z - g(w)} \overline{\mathcal{A}(\tilde{\gamma})(w)} d\bar{w}. \end{aligned}$$

On the other hand, since  $j \circ \tilde{\gamma} = \tilde{\gamma} \circ j$ , where  $j$  is the inversion  $z \mapsto \frac{1}{\bar{z}}$ , we have

$$\overline{\mathcal{A}(\tilde{\gamma})} = \mathcal{A}(\tilde{\gamma}) \circ j \circ j \circ \bar{\cdot} - 2 \frac{\tilde{\gamma}_z}{\tilde{\gamma}} \circ j \circ j \circ \bar{\cdot} + \overline{\mathcal{A}(\bar{j})}.$$

Hence

$$\begin{aligned} h \circ g^{-1}(g^{-1})'(z) &= \frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_{S^1} \frac{1}{z - g(w)} \left( \mathcal{A}(\tilde{\gamma}) \left( \frac{1}{\bar{w}} \right) \frac{1}{\bar{w}^2} - 2 \frac{\tilde{\gamma}_w}{\tilde{\gamma}} \left( \frac{1}{\bar{w}} \right) \frac{1}{\bar{w}^2} + \frac{2}{\bar{w}} \right) d\bar{w} \\ &= -\frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_{S^1} \frac{1}{z - g(w)} \left( \mathcal{A}(\tilde{\gamma})(w) - 2 \frac{\tilde{\gamma}_w(w)}{\tilde{\gamma}(w)} + \frac{2}{w} \right) dw \\ &= \frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_{\mathcal{C}} \frac{1}{(z - w)} \left( \mathcal{A}(g^{-1})(w) - \mathcal{A}(f^{-1})(w) + 2 \frac{(f^{-1})_w(w)}{f^{-1}(w)} - 2 \frac{(g^{-1})_w(w)}{g^{-1}(w)} \right) dw. \end{aligned}$$

The functions

$$\mathcal{A}(f^{-1})(z) - 2 \frac{(f^{-1})_z(z)}{f^{-1}(z)} + \frac{2}{z} \quad \text{and} \quad \mathcal{A}(g^{-1})(z) - 2 \frac{(g^{-1})_z(z)}{g^{-1}(z)} + \frac{2}{z}$$

are holomorphic on  $\Omega^* = f(\mathbb{D}^*)$  and  $\Omega = g(\mathbb{D})$  respectively and due to the normalization of  $f$ ,

$$\mathcal{A}(f^{-1})(z) - 2 \frac{(f^{-1})_z(z)}{f^{-1}(z)} + \frac{2}{z} = O\left(\frac{1}{z^2}\right) \quad \text{as } z \rightarrow \infty.$$

Thus we have by Cauchy formula

$$h \circ g^{-1}(g^{-1})'(z) = - \left( \mathcal{A}(g^{-1})(z) - 2 \frac{(g^{-1})'_z(z)}{g^{-1}(z)} + \frac{2}{z} \right)$$

or equivalently,

$$h(z) = \mathcal{A}(g)(z) - 2 \frac{g'(z)}{g(z)} + \frac{2}{z}.$$

For a general point  $\gamma = g^{-1} \circ f$  in  $\mathcal{T}_0(1)$ , we let  $f_n = r_n^{-1} \circ f \circ r_n$ , where  $r_n$  is the dilation  $z \mapsto \frac{n+1}{n}z$ . Since  $f_n$  is a normalized univalent function on  $|z| > \frac{n}{n+1}$ , corresponding  $\gamma_n^{-1} = g_n^{-1} \circ f_n \in \mathcal{T}_0(1)$  satisfies the assumptions made in the beginning of the proof. Since  $\mathcal{A}(f) \in A_2^1(\mathbb{D}^*)$ , we see that

$$\begin{aligned} &\left\| \mathcal{A}(\iota \circ f_n \circ \iota) - \mathcal{A}(\iota \circ f \circ \iota) \right\|_{A_2^1(\mathbb{D})} \\ &= \left\| \left( \mathcal{A}(f_n) - 2 \frac{f'_n}{f_n} + \frac{2}{z} \right) - \left( \mathcal{A}(f) - 2 \frac{f'}{f} + \frac{2}{z} \right) \right\|_{A_2^1(\mathbb{D}^*)} \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{as } n \rightarrow \infty. \end{aligned}$$

By Corollary A.4 and Corollary A.6 in Appendix A we also have

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|\mathcal{A}(g_n) - \mathcal{A}(g)\|_{A_2^1(\mathbb{D})} = 0$$

and

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left\| \left( \mathcal{A}(g_n) - 2 \frac{g'_n}{g_n} + \frac{2}{z} \right) - \left( \mathcal{A}(g) - 2 \frac{g'}{g} + \frac{2}{z} \right) \right\|_{A_2^1(\mathbb{D})} = 0.$$

In particular, since convergence in  $A_2^1(\mathbb{D})$  implies convergence in  $A_\infty^1(\mathbb{D})$ , we get

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \mathcal{A}(g_n)(z) - 2 \frac{g'_n(z)}{g_n(z)} + \frac{2}{z} \right) = \mathcal{A}(g)(z) - 2 \frac{g'(z)}{g(z)} + \frac{2}{z},$$

uniformly on compact subsets of  $\mathbb{D}$ . Since we have already shown that

$$h_n(z) = \mathcal{A}(g_n)(z) - 2 \frac{g'_n(z)}{g_n(z)} + \frac{2}{z},$$

to finish the proof of the lemma we need to verify that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} h_n(z) = h(z)$  uniformly on compact subsets of  $\mathbb{D}$ .

We denote by  $K_1[n]$  and  $K_2[n]$  the operators associated with the disjoint pair of univalent functions  $(g_n, f_n)$ , and by  $K_1$  and  $K_2$  — the operators associated with the pair  $(g, f)$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} h_n(z) - h(z) &= - \left( K_1[n] \overline{\mathcal{A}(g_n)} \right)(z) + \left( K_1 \overline{\mathcal{A}(g)} \right)(z) \\ &\quad + \left( K_2[n] \overline{\mathcal{A}(f_n)} \right)(z) - \left( K_2 \overline{\mathcal{A}(f)} \right)(z). \end{aligned}$$

Now using Theorem B.1 from Appendix B, and the fact that the inverse map is continuous on  $T_0(1)$ , we get that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|K_1[n] - K_1\| = 0,$$

where  $\| \cdot \|$  stands for the norm of the Banach space  $\mathcal{B}(\overline{A_2^1(\mathbb{D})}, A_2^1(\mathbb{D}))$ . Since  $\|K_1[n]\| \leq 1$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} &\left\| K_1[n] \overline{\mathcal{A}(g_n)} - K_1 \overline{\mathcal{A}(g)} \right\|_{A_2^1(\mathbb{D})} \\ &\leq \left\| K_1[n] (\overline{\mathcal{A}(g_n) - \mathcal{A}(g)}) \right\|_{A_2^1(\mathbb{D})} + \left\| (K_1[n] - K_1) \overline{\mathcal{A}(g)} \right\|_{A_2^1(\mathbb{D})} \\ &\leq \|\mathcal{A}(g_n) - \mathcal{A}(g)\|_{A_2^1(\mathbb{D})} + \|K_1[n] - K_1\| \|\mathcal{A}(g)\|_{A_2^1(\mathbb{D})}, \end{aligned}$$

which tends to 0 as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . Consequently,  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (K_1[n] \overline{\mathcal{A}(g_n)})(z) = (K_1 \overline{\mathcal{A}(g)})(z)$ , uniformly on compact subsets of  $\mathbb{D}$ .

To prove the convergence of the other term in  $h_n(z) - h(z)$ , we let  $\mathfrak{g}_n = r_n \circ g_n$  and  $\mathfrak{f}_n = r_n \circ f_n = f \circ r_n$ . Let  $\Omega_n^* = \mathfrak{f}_n(\mathbb{D}^*) = f(\{|z| > \frac{n+1}{n}\})$ . Since  $\Omega_n^* \subseteq \Omega_{n+1}^*$ , the sequence of domains  $\Omega_n = \mathfrak{g}_n(\mathbb{D})$  is a decreasing sequence that contains 0 and  $\bigcap \mathfrak{g}_n(\mathbb{D}) = g(\mathbb{D}) = \Omega$ . By Caratheodory kernel theorem (see, e.g., [Pom75]), the sequence of univalent functions  $\mathfrak{g}_n : \mathbb{D} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  converges uniformly on compact sets to the univalent function  $g : \mathbb{D} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ . By Weierstrass theorem,  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mathfrak{g}'_n(z) = g'(z)$ , uniformly on compact subsets of  $\mathbb{D}$ . Using that the operator  $K_2$  is unaffected by a simultaneous post-composition of  $f$  and  $g$  with  $\alpha \in \text{PSL}(2, \mathbb{C})$  and that  $\mathcal{A}(\mathfrak{f}_n) = \mathcal{A}(r_n \circ f_n) =$

$\mathcal{A}(f_n)$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \left( K_2[n] \overline{\mathcal{A}(f_n)} \right)(z) - \left( K_2 \overline{\mathcal{A}(f)} \right)(z) \\ &= \frac{1}{\pi} \iint_{\mathbb{D}^*} \frac{\mathfrak{g}'_n(z) \mathfrak{f}'_n(w)}{(\mathfrak{g}_n(z) - \mathfrak{f}_n(w))^2} \overline{\mathcal{A}(\mathfrak{f}_n)(w)} d^2 w - \iint_{\mathbb{D}^*} \frac{g'(z) f'(w)}{(g(z) - f(w))^2} \overline{\mathcal{A}(f)(w)} d^2 w \\ &= u_n(\mathfrak{g}_n(z)) \mathfrak{g}'_n(z) - u(g(z)) g'(z). \end{aligned}$$

Here for  $z \in \Omega_n = \mathfrak{g}_n(\mathbb{D})$  we set

$$u_n(z) = \frac{1}{\pi} \iint_{\mathbb{D}^*} \frac{\mathfrak{f}'_n(w)}{(z - \mathfrak{f}_n(w))^2} \overline{\mathcal{A}(\mathfrak{f}_n)(w)} d^2 w = -\frac{1}{\pi} \iint_{\Omega_n^*} \frac{\overline{\mathcal{A}(\mathfrak{f}_n^{-1})(w)}}{(z - w)^2} d^2 w,$$

and for  $z \in \Omega = g(\mathbb{D})$ ,

$$u(z) = \frac{1}{\pi} \iint_{\mathbb{D}} \frac{f'(w)}{(z - f(w))^2} \overline{\mathcal{A}(f)(w)} d^2 w = -\frac{1}{\pi} \iint_{\Omega^*} \frac{\overline{\mathcal{A}(f^{-1})(w)}}{(z - w)^2} d^2 w.$$

Let  $\tilde{u}_n = u_n|_{\Omega}$ . Using  $\mathcal{A}(\mathfrak{f}_n^{-1}) = \mathcal{A}(r_n^{-1} \circ f^{-1}) = \mathcal{A}(f^{-1})$  and  $\Omega_n^* \subset \Omega^*$ , we get

$$\tilde{u}_n(z) - u(z) = \frac{1}{\pi} \iint_{\Omega^* \setminus \Omega_n^*} \frac{\overline{\mathcal{A}(f^{-1})(w)}}{(z - w)^2} d^2 w.$$

Since Hilbert transform is an isometry, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} & \|\tilde{u}_n \circ g g' - u \circ g g'\|_{A_2^1(\mathbb{D})}^2 = \iint_{\mathbb{D}} |\tilde{u}_n(g(z)) g'(z) - u(g(z)) g'(z)|^2 d^2 z \\ &= \iint_{\Omega} |\tilde{u}_n(z) - u(z)|^2 d^2 z \leq \iint_{\Omega^* \setminus \Omega_n^*} |\mathcal{A}(f^{-1})(z)|^2 d^2 z = \iint_{1 < |z| < \frac{n+1}{n}} |\mathcal{A}(f)(z)|^2 d^2 z. \end{aligned}$$

Since  $\mathcal{A}(f) \in A_2^1(\mathbb{D}^*)$ , we get

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|\tilde{u}_n \circ g g' - u \circ g g'\|_{A_2^1(\mathbb{D})} = 0,$$

and, consequently,  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \tilde{u}_n(z) = u(z)$ , uniformly on compact subsets of  $\Omega$ . For every compact subset  $E \subset \mathbb{D}$ ,  $\mathfrak{g}_n(E) \subset \Omega$  for  $n$  sufficiently large, and it follows that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} u_n(\mathfrak{g}_n(z)) \mathfrak{g}'_n(z) = u(g(z)) g'(z),$$

uniformly on  $E$ . □

**Corollary 4.7.** *On  $T_0(1)$ ,*

$$\partial \tilde{S}_1 = 2\vartheta.$$

**Theorem 4.8.** *The functions  $S_1, \tilde{S}_1, S_2$  on  $T_0(1)$  satisfy the following relations,*

$$S_2 = -\frac{1}{12\pi}S_1 = -\frac{1}{12\pi}\tilde{S}_1.$$

*In particular, in Bers coordinates  $\varepsilon_\mu$  on the chart  $V_\nu$  at  $[\nu] \in T_0(1)$ ,*

$$\frac{\partial S_1}{\partial \varepsilon_\mu}([\nu]) = 2 \iint_{\mathbb{D}^*} \mathcal{S}(g_\nu)(z) \mu(z) d^2 z,$$

*where  $w_\nu = g_\nu^{-1} \circ f^\nu$  is the conformal welding corresponding to  $[\nu] \in T_0(1)$ .*

*Proof.* Since  $S_2(0) = \tilde{S}_1(0) = 0$ , Theorems 4.1 and 4.5 immediately give

$$S_2 = -\frac{1}{12\pi}\tilde{S}_1.$$

Since the function  $S_2$  is symmetric,

$$S_2([\mu]) = S_2([\mu]^{-1}),$$

the function  $\tilde{S}_1$  is also symmetric, so that  $\tilde{S}_1 = S_1$ . □

**Corollary 4.9.** *On  $T_0(1)$ ,*

$$\partial S_1 = 2\vartheta.$$

*Remark 4.10.* Returning to the model  $T(1) = L^\infty(\mathbb{D}^*)/\sim$ , let  $\gamma = g^{-1} \circ f \in \mathcal{T}_0(1)$ . Introducing the operator  $\mathbf{K} : A_2^1(\mathbb{D}) \oplus A_2^1(\mathbb{D}^*) \rightarrow A_2^1(\mathbb{D}) \oplus A_2^1(\mathbb{D}^*)$ ,

$$\mathbf{K} = \begin{pmatrix} K_1 & K_2 \\ K_3 & K_4 \end{pmatrix},$$

and the vectors

$$\mathbf{u} = \begin{pmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{v} = \begin{pmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \end{pmatrix} \in A_2^1(\mathbb{D}) \oplus A_2^1(\mathbb{D}^*),$$

where  $u_1 = \mathcal{A}(\iota \circ f \circ \iota) \circ \iota v'$ ,  $u_2 = -\mathcal{A}(\iota \circ g \circ \iota) \circ \iota v'$  and  $v_1 = \mathcal{A}(f)$ ,  $v_2 = -\mathcal{A}(g)$ . Applying Lemma 4.6 to  $\gamma$  and  $\gamma^{-1}$  and using generalized Grunsky equality, we can succinctly rewrite the two identities as a single equation

$$\mathbf{K} \bar{\mathbf{u}} = -\mathbf{v}.$$

Indeed, Lemma 4.6 applied to  $\gamma$  and  $\gamma^{-1}$  gives

$$K_3 \bar{u}_1 + K_4 \bar{u}_2 = -v_2 \quad \text{and} \quad K_1 \bar{v}_1 + K_2 \bar{v}_2 = -u_1,$$

and from generalized Grunsky equality it follows that the functions

$$w_1(z) = \left( \log \frac{f(z)}{z} \right)' = - \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n b_{-n,0} z^{n-1}$$

and

$$w_2(z) = - \left( \log \frac{g(z)}{z} \right)' = - \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n b_{n,0} z^{-n-1}$$

satisfy the equations

$$K_1\bar{w}_1 + K_2\bar{w}_2 = w_1 \quad \text{and} \quad K_3\bar{w}_1 + K_4\bar{w}_2 = w_2.$$

Since  $u_1 = v_1 - 2w_1$  and  $u_2 = v_2 - 2w_2$ , we get the equation  $\mathbf{K}\bar{\mathbf{u}} = -\mathbf{v}$ . Similarly, we get the equation  $\mathbf{K}\bar{\mathbf{v}} = -\mathbf{u}$ .

*Remark 4.11.* For  $C^3$  curves the result of Theorem 4.5 was obtained by Schiffer and Hawley in [SH62]. They have used a completely different approach which can not be generalized to quasi-circles for  $T_0(1)$ .

The equality  $S_2 = -\frac{1}{12\pi}S_1$  can be also interpreted as a surgery type formula for determinants of elliptic operators (see [BFK92, HZ99]). Namely, let  $\Delta_\varphi$  be the Laplace operator of the conformal metric  $e^{2\varphi(z)}|dz|^2$  on  $\mathbb{D}$  with Dirichlet boundary condition. Its zeta-function regularized determinant  $\det \Delta_\varphi$  is given by the Polyakov-Alvarez formula

$$(4.3) \quad \log \det \Delta_\varphi = -\frac{1}{3\pi} \iint_{\mathbb{D}} |\varphi_z|^2 d^2z - \frac{1}{6\pi} \oint_{S^1} \varphi(e^{i\theta}) d\theta + \log \det \Delta_0.$$

Now let  $\gamma = g^{-1} \circ f \in T_0(1)$  and set, as before,  $\tilde{g} = \iota \circ g \circ \iota$ ,  $\tilde{f} = \iota \circ f \circ \iota$ . The metric  $|\tilde{g}'(z)|^2 |dz|^2$  is a pull-back of the Euclidean metric  $|dw|^2$  on  $\tilde{\Omega} = \tilde{g}(\mathbb{D})$  by the conformal mapping  $\tilde{g}$ . Assume that  $\phi(z) = \frac{1}{2} \log |\tilde{g}'(z)|^2$  is of  $C^1$  class on  $S^1$ , and denote by  $\Delta_{\tilde{\Omega}}$  the Laplace operator of the Euclidean metric on  $\tilde{\Omega}$  with Dirichlet boundary condition. From (4.3) we immediately get

$$\log \det \Delta_{\tilde{\Omega}} = -\frac{1}{12\pi} \iint_{\mathbb{D}} |\mathcal{A}(\tilde{g})|^2 d^2z - \frac{1}{3} \log |\tilde{g}'(0)| + \log \det \Delta_{\mathbb{D}}.$$

Now consider the metric  $|\tilde{f}'(\frac{1}{z})|^2 |dz|^2$  on  $\mathbb{D}$  — a pull-back of the flat metric

$$ds^2 = \frac{|dw|^2}{|\tilde{f}^{-1}(w)|^4}$$

on  $\tilde{\Omega}^* = \tilde{f}(\mathbb{D}^*)$  by the conformal mapping  $\tilde{f} \circ \iota$ . Denoting by  $\Delta_{\tilde{\Omega}^*}$  the Laplace operator of the metric  $ds^2$  on  $\tilde{\Omega}^*$  with Dirichlet boundary condition, we get from (4.3),

$$\log \det \Delta_{\tilde{\Omega}^*} = -\frac{1}{12\pi} \iint_{\mathbb{D}^*} |\mathcal{A}(\tilde{f})|^2 d^2z + \log \det \Delta_{\mathbb{D}^*},$$

where we again assumed that  $\varphi(z) = \frac{1}{2} \log |\tilde{f}'(\frac{1}{z})|^2$  is of  $C^1$  class on  $S^1$ . Here  $\Delta_{\mathbb{D}^*}$  is the Laplace operator of the metric  $\frac{|dw|^2}{|w|^4}$  on  $\mathbb{D}^*$ . Note that the metric  $ds^2$  is regular at  $\infty$ , so that  $\Delta_{\tilde{\Omega}^*}$  is an elliptic operator (cf. [HZ99]). The following result now follows from Theorem 4.8 and the symmetry property  $S_1([\mu]) = S_1([\mu^{-1}])$ .

**Corollary 4.12.** *Let  $\gamma = g^{-1} \circ f \in T_0(1)$  be of  $C^3$  class on  $S^1$ . Then for  $\mathcal{C} = f(S^1)$ ,*

$$\text{Det}_F(\mathcal{C}) = \frac{\det \Delta_{\tilde{\Omega}} \det \Delta_{\tilde{\Omega}^*}}{\det \Delta_{\mathbb{D}} \det \Delta_{\mathbb{D}^*}}.$$

*Remark 4.13.* The statement of Corollary 4.12 can be interpreted as a surgery type formula in the spirit of [BFK92] for the Laplace operator of a conformal metric on the Riemann sphere  $\mathbb{P}^1$ , which is the Euclidean metric on the interior domain  $\tilde{\Omega} = \iota(\Omega^*)$  and is the metric  $ds^2 = \frac{|dw|^2}{|f^{-1}(w)|^4}$  on the exterior domain  $\tilde{\Omega}^* = \iota(\Omega)$  (and thus is continuous on  $\mathbb{P}^1$ ). The Fredholm determinant  $\text{Det}_F(\mathcal{C})$  is the inverse of the determinant of the Neumann jump operator which corresponds to cutting of  $\mathbb{P}^1$  along the contour  $\mathcal{C}$  and considering Dirichlet boundary conditions for interior and exterior Laplace operators (cf. [HZ99]).

## 5. WEIL-PETERSSON POTENTIAL

**5.1. Weil-Petersson potential on  $T_0(1)$ .** As in the case of finite dimensional Teichmüller spaces [TT03a], it follows from the results of the previous section that the function  $S_1$  is a potential for the Weil-Petersson metric on  $T_0(1)$ . For the convenience of the reader, here we give the details.

**Theorem 5.1.** *In terms of the Bers coordinates on the chart  $V_\kappa$  at  $\kappa \in T_0(1)$ ,*

$$\frac{\partial^2 S_1}{\partial \varepsilon_\mu \partial \bar{\varepsilon}_\nu}([\kappa]) = \iint_{\mathbb{D}^*} \mu(z) \overline{\nu(z)} \rho(z) d^2 z.$$

*Proof.* We have

$$\frac{\partial^2 S_1}{\partial \varepsilon_\mu \partial \bar{\varepsilon}_\nu}([\kappa]) = \left. \frac{\partial}{\partial \bar{\varepsilon}} \right|_{\varepsilon=0} \frac{\partial S_1}{\partial \varepsilon_\mu}([\varepsilon\nu * \kappa]).$$

Using Theorem 4.8 and the fact that at the point  $\varepsilon\nu * \kappa \in T_0(1)$  the vector field  $\frac{\partial}{\partial \varepsilon_\mu}$  on the chart  $V_\kappa$  is represented by  $P(R(\mu, \varepsilon\nu)) \in H^{-1,1}(\mathbb{D}^*)$  on the chart  $V_{\varepsilon\nu * \kappa}$  (see Section 3.3 in Part I), we get

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial S_1}{\partial \varepsilon_\mu}(\varepsilon\nu * \kappa) &= 2 \iint_{\mathbb{D}^*} \mathcal{S}(g_{\varepsilon\nu * \kappa}) P(R(\mu, \varepsilon\nu)) d^2 z \\ &= 2 \iint_{\mathbb{D}^*} (\mathcal{S}(g_\varepsilon) \circ w_{\varepsilon\nu} (w_{\varepsilon\nu})_z^2) Q(R(\mu, \varepsilon\nu)) (1 - |\varepsilon\nu|^2) d^2 z, \end{aligned}$$

where  $g_\varepsilon^{-1} \circ f^\varepsilon = w_{\varepsilon\nu} \circ w_\kappa$ ,  $v_\varepsilon = f^\varepsilon \circ f^{-1}$ , and  $Q(R(\mu, \varepsilon\nu))$  was defined in Section 7.1 in Part I. Since  $g_\varepsilon \circ w_{\varepsilon\nu} = v_\varepsilon \circ g$ , we have

$$(5.1) \quad \mathcal{S}(g_\varepsilon) \circ w_{\varepsilon\nu} (w_{\varepsilon\nu})_z^2 + \mathcal{S}(w_{\varepsilon\nu}) = \mathcal{S}(v_\varepsilon) \circ g(g')^2 + \mathcal{S}(g),$$

and it follows from the standard variational formula that

$$\left. \frac{\partial}{\partial \varepsilon} \right|_{\varepsilon=0} \mathcal{S}(g_\varepsilon) \circ w_{\varepsilon\nu}(w_{\varepsilon\nu})_z^2 = \frac{6}{\pi} \iint_{\mathbb{D}^*} \frac{\overline{\nu(w)}}{(1-\bar{w}z)^4} d^2w.$$

Since according to Theorem 7.4 in Part I

$$\left. \frac{\partial}{\partial \varepsilon} \right|_{\varepsilon=0} Q(R(\mu, \varepsilon\nu))$$

is an infinitesimally trivial Beltrami differential, we have

$$\frac{\partial^2}{\partial \varepsilon_\mu \partial \varepsilon_\nu} S_1([\kappa]) = \frac{12}{\pi} \iint_{\mathbb{D}^*} \iint_{\mathbb{D}^*} \frac{\mu(z) \overline{\nu(w)}}{(1-\bar{w}z)^4} d^2w d^2z = \iint_{\mathbb{D}^*} \mu(z) \overline{\nu(z)} \rho(z) d^2z.$$

□

**Corollary 5.2.** *On  $T_0(1)$ ,*

$$\partial \bar{\partial} S_1 = -2i\omega_{WP},$$

where  $\omega_{WP}$  is the symplectic form of the Weil-Petersson metric. In other words,  $S_1$  is a potential of the Weil-Petersson metric on  $T_0(1)$ .

*Remark 5.3.* It follows from Corollary 3.16 and Theorem 4.8 that on  $T_0(1)$ ,

$$\partial \bar{\partial} \log \det N_\Omega = \frac{i}{6\pi} \omega_{WP}.$$

In the spirit of the last remark in Section 8 of Part I, this result should be compared to the local index theorem for families of  $\bar{\partial}$ -operators on compact Riemann surfaces,

$$\partial \bar{\partial} \log \det \Delta_0 - \partial \bar{\partial} \log \det N_1 = -\frac{i}{6\pi} \omega_{WP},$$

where  $N_1$  is the period matrix of 1-forms on a compact Riemann surface  $X$  and  $\Delta_0$  is the Laplace operator of the hyperbolic metric on  $X$  (see, e.g., [ZT87]).

*Remark 5.4.* It follows from Corollary 4.9 that on  $T_0(1)$ ,

$$\partial \vartheta = 0.$$

Here is a direct proof of this result, following our work [TT03a]. From equation (5.1), we have at  $[\kappa] \in T_0(1)$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} (L_\nu \vartheta)(z) &= \left. \frac{\partial}{\partial \varepsilon_\mu} \right|_{\varepsilon=0} \mathcal{S}(g_\varepsilon) \circ w_{\varepsilon\nu}(w_{\varepsilon\nu})_z^2(z) \\ &= -\frac{12}{\pi} \iint_{\mathbb{D}^*} \nu(w) \left( \frac{g'(w)^2 g'(z)^2}{(g(w) - g(z))^4} - \frac{1}{(w - z)^4} \right) d^2w \\ &= -\frac{12}{\pi} \iint_{\mathbb{D}^*} \nu(w) \frac{g'(w)^2 g'(z)^2}{(g(w) - g(z))^4} d^2w. \end{aligned}$$



Hence,

$$\begin{aligned}
\partial\vartheta(\mu, \nu) &= L_\mu\vartheta(\nu) - L_\nu\vartheta(\mu) \\
&= -\frac{12}{\pi} \iint_{\mathbb{D}^*} \iint_{\mathbb{D}^*} \mu(w) \frac{g'(w)^2 g'(z)^2}{(g(w) - g(z))^4} \nu(z) d^2w d^2z \\
&\quad + \frac{12}{\pi} \iint_{\mathbb{D}^*} \iint_{\mathbb{D}^*} \nu(w) \frac{g'(w)^2 g'(z)^2}{(g(w) - g(z))^4} \mu(z) d^2w d^2z \\
&= 0.
\end{aligned}$$

**5.2. Weil-Petersson potential on  $T(1)$ .** The 1-form  $\vartheta$  does not naturally extend to the whole Hilbert manifold  $T(1)$  (since  $\vartheta|_{[\mu]} \in A_2(\mathbb{D}^*)$  if and only if  $[\mu] \in T_0(1)$ ). From Theorem 2.12 we also see that  $T_0(1)$  is the maximal subset of  $T(1)$  on which the function  $S_1$  is well-defined. However, it is easy to construct a Weil-Petersson potential on  $T(1)$  by using right translations. Namely, we index the components of the Hilbert manifold  $T(1)$  by the set  $I$  (uncountable) and for every  $\alpha \in I$  choose  $[\mu_\alpha] \in T_\alpha(1) = R_{\mu_\alpha}T_0(1)$  such that  $\mu_0 = 0$  for the component  $T_0(1)$ . This represents  $T(1)$  as a disjoint union

$$T(1) = \bigsqcup_{\alpha \in I} T_\alpha(1).$$

Define

$$S([\nu]) = S_1([\nu * \mu_\alpha^{-1}]) \quad \text{for } [\nu] \in T_\alpha(1).$$

It follows from the right-invariance of the Weil-Petersson metric that the function  $S$  is a Weil-Petersson potential on  $T(1)$ .

## 6. THE PERIOD MAPPING

The generalization of the classical period mapping to the homogeneous space  $\text{Möb}(S^1) \setminus \text{Diff}_+(S^1)$  was outlined by Kirillov and Yuriev in [KY88] and developed by Nag [Nag92]. In particular, in [Nag92] it is explained in what sense this is a generalization of classical period mapping as an association between the complex structures and corresponding spaces of holomorphic 1-forms. Subsequently in [NS95], Nag and Sullivan extended the period mapping to the universal Teichmüller space  $T(1)$ . Here we prove that the Kirillov-Yuriev-Nag-Sullivan (KYNS) period mapping coincides with the mapping  $\hat{\mathcal{P}}$  defined in Remark 3.11.

**6.1. KYNS period mapping.** Following [NS95], let  $\mathcal{H}$  be the real Hilbert space

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathcal{H} &= H^{1/2}(S^1, \mathbb{R}) / \mathbb{R} \\
&= \left\{ f : S^1 \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \mid f(e^{i\theta}) = \sum_{n=-\infty}'^{\infty} c_n e^{in\theta}, \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n|c_n|^2 < \infty \right\},
\end{aligned}$$

and let  $\Theta$  be the symplectic form<sup>3</sup> on  $\mathcal{H}$ :

$$\Theta(f, g) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \oint_{S^1} g df.$$

By complex linearity, the symplectic form  $\Theta$  extends to the complexification of  $\mathcal{H}$  — the complex Hilbert space  $\mathcal{H}_{\mathbb{C}}$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{H}_{\mathbb{C}} &= H^{1/2}(S^1, \mathbb{C})/\mathbb{C} \\ &= \left\{ f : S^1 \rightarrow \mathbb{C} \mid f(e^{i\theta}) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} c_n e^{in\theta}, \quad \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} |n| |c_n|^2 < \infty \right\}. \end{aligned}$$

With respect to this symplectic form, the Hilbert space  $\mathcal{H}_{\mathbb{C}}$  has a canonical decomposition into two closed isotropic subspaces

$$\mathcal{H}_{\mathbb{C}} = W_+ \oplus W_-,$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} W_+ &= \left\{ f : S^1 \rightarrow \mathbb{C} \mid f(e^{i\theta}) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n e^{in\theta}, \quad \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n |a_n|^2 < \infty \right\}, \\ W_- &= \left\{ g : S^1 \rightarrow \mathbb{C} \mid g(e^{i\theta}) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n e^{-in\theta}, \quad \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n |b_n|^2 < \infty \right\}. \end{aligned}$$

Let  $\mathfrak{D}_{\infty}$  be the infinite dimensional analog of Siegel disk [Sie64],

$$\mathfrak{D}_{\infty} = \left\{ Z \in \mathcal{B}(W_-, W_+) : \Theta(Zf, g) = \Theta(Zg, f) \quad \text{and} \quad I - Z\bar{Z} > 0 \right\}.$$

Here  $\mathcal{B}(W_-, W_+)$  is the Banach space of all bounded linear operators from  $W_-$  to  $W_+$ , and  $\bar{Z} = JZJ : W_+ \rightarrow W_-$ , where  $J$  is the standard conjugation operator on  $\mathcal{H}_{\mathbb{C}}$  defined by  $JW_+ = W_-$ . With respect to the standard bases

$$\left\{ e_n = \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} e^{in\theta} \right\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \quad \text{and} \quad \left\{ f_n = \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} e^{-in\theta} \right\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$$

of the subspaces  $W_+$  and  $W_-$ , an operator  $Z \in \mathfrak{D}_{\infty}$  is represented by an infinite matrix, and the condition  $\Theta(Zf, g) = \Theta(Zg, f)$  translates as  $Z = Z^t$ . Let  $\text{Sp}(\mathcal{H})$  be the group of bounded symplectomorphisms on  $\mathcal{H}$ . Elements of  $\text{Sp}(\mathcal{H})$ , extended complex linearly to  $\mathcal{H}_{\mathbb{C}}$ , in the basis  $\{e_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \cup \{f_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  of  $\mathcal{H}_{\mathbb{C}}$  can be represented by matrices

$$(6.1) \quad \begin{pmatrix} A & B \\ \bar{B} & \bar{A} \end{pmatrix}, \quad \text{where} \quad AA^* - BB^* = I, \quad AB^t = BA^t.$$

The group  $\text{Sp}(\mathcal{H})$  acts transitively on  $\mathfrak{D}_{\infty}$  by

$$Z \mapsto (AZ + B)(\bar{B}Z + \bar{A})^{-1},$$

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<sup>3</sup>We use a different sign convention since our complex structure has a different sign compared to [KY88, Nag92, NS95].

and the stabilizer of the point  $Z = 0$  is the unitary subgroup  $U$  of  $\mathrm{Sp}(\mathcal{H})$  consisting of bounded symplectomorphisms with  $B = 0$ . Thus the canonical quotient map  $Q : \mathrm{Sp}(\mathcal{H}) \rightarrow \mathfrak{D}_\infty$ ,

$$Q \left( \begin{pmatrix} A & B \\ \bar{B} & \bar{A} \end{pmatrix} \right) = (AZ + B)(\bar{B}Z + \bar{A})^{-1}|_{Z=0} = B\bar{A}^{-1},$$

induces the isomorphism

$$\mathrm{Sp}(\mathcal{H})/U \simeq \mathfrak{D}_\infty.$$

In [NS95], Nag and Sullivan proved that the assignment

$$\mathrm{Homeo}_{qs}(S^1) \ni \gamma \mapsto \hat{\Pi}(\gamma) \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H}_\mathbb{C}),$$

where

$$\hat{\Pi}(\gamma)(f) = f \circ \gamma - \frac{1}{2\pi} \oint_{S^1} f \circ \gamma d\theta, \quad f \in \mathcal{H}_\mathbb{C},$$

defines a right action of the group  $\mathrm{Homeo}_{qs}(S^1)$  on the Hilbert space  $\mathcal{H}_\mathbb{C}$  by symplectomorphisms. Thus the mapping

$$\hat{\Pi} : \mathrm{Homeo}_{qs}(S^1) \rightarrow \mathrm{Sp}(\mathcal{H})$$

satisfies  $\hat{\Pi}(\gamma_1 \circ \gamma_2) = \hat{\Pi}(\gamma_2)\hat{\Pi}(\gamma_1)$ . On the other hand, an operator  $\hat{\Pi}(\gamma)$  preserves the subspaces  $W_+$  and  $W_-$ , i.e.,  $\hat{\Pi}(\gamma) \in U$ , if and only if  $\gamma \in \mathrm{Möb}(S^1)$ . The induced mapping

$$\Pi = Q \circ \hat{\Pi} : T(1) = \mathrm{Möb}(S^1) \backslash \mathrm{Homeo}_{qs}(S^1) \rightarrow \mathrm{Sp}(\mathcal{H})/U \simeq \mathfrak{D}_\infty$$

is what we call KYNS period mapping of  $T(1)$ .

With respect to the basis  $\{e_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \cup \{f_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  of  $\mathcal{H}_\mathbb{C}$ , the mapping  $\hat{\Pi} : \mathrm{Homeo}_{qs}(S^1) \rightarrow \mathrm{Sp}(\mathcal{H})$  is given by the matrix

$$\hat{\Pi}(\gamma) = \begin{pmatrix} \mathfrak{A} & \mathfrak{B} \\ \bar{\mathfrak{B}} & \bar{\mathfrak{A}} \end{pmatrix}, \quad \gamma \in \mathrm{Homeo}_{qs}(S^1),$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} \mathfrak{A}_{mn}(\gamma) &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \sqrt{\frac{m}{n}} \oint_{S^1} (\gamma(e^{i\theta}))^n e^{-im\theta} d\theta, \\ \mathfrak{B}_{mn}(\gamma) &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \sqrt{\frac{m}{n}} \oint_{S^1} (\gamma(e^{i\theta}))^{-n} e^{-im\theta} d\theta. \end{aligned}$$

As a result, the KYNS period matrix  $\Pi : T(1) \rightarrow \mathfrak{D}_\infty$  is given by the matrix

$$\Pi([\mu]) = \mathfrak{B}\bar{\mathfrak{A}}^{-1}, \quad [\mu] \in T(1),$$

where  $\mathfrak{A} = \mathfrak{A}(w_\mu)$  and  $\mathfrak{B} = \mathfrak{B}(w_\mu)$ . On the other hand, it follows from (6.1) that

$$\hat{\Pi}(\gamma^{-1}) = \hat{\Pi}(\gamma)^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathfrak{A}(\gamma)^* & -\mathfrak{B}(\gamma)^t \\ -\mathfrak{B}(\gamma)^* & \mathfrak{A}(\gamma)^t \end{pmatrix}.$$

**Proposition 6.1.** *The Grunsky matrices  $B_l$ ,  $l = 1, 2, 3, 4$ , corresponding to  $\gamma \in S^1 \setminus \text{Homeo}_{qs}(S^1)$ , and the elements of the matrix  $\hat{\Pi}(\gamma)$  are related by*

$$\begin{aligned} B_1 &= \mathfrak{B}\bar{\mathfrak{A}}^{-1}, & B_2 &= (\mathfrak{A}^*)^{-1}, \\ B_3 &= \bar{\mathfrak{A}}^{-1}, & B_4 &= -\mathfrak{B}^*(\mathfrak{A}^*)^{-1}. \end{aligned}$$

*Proof.* Let  $\gamma = g^{-1} \circ f$  be the conformal welding of  $\gamma \in S^1 \setminus \text{Homeo}_{qs}(S^1)$ , and let  $P_n$  and  $Q_n$  be the Faber polynomials associated to the pair  $(f, g)$ . Denoting by  $P_+ : \mathcal{H}_{\mathbb{C}} \rightarrow W_+$  and  $P_- : \mathcal{H}_{\mathbb{C}} \rightarrow W_-$  the orthogonal projection operators, we get

$$\mathfrak{A}^* = P_+ \hat{\Pi}(\gamma^{-1}) \Big|_{W_+}.$$

By definition of Faber polynomials,  $(P_n^0 \circ f)|_{S^1} \in W_+$ , where  $P_n^0(z) = P_n(z) - P_n(0)$  and  $n \geq 1$ . We have on  $S^1$ ,

$$P_+ \hat{\Pi}(\gamma^{-1})(P_n^0 \circ f) = P_+ ((P_n^0 \circ f) \circ f^{-1} \circ g) = P_+(P_n^0 \circ g).$$

Since  $P_+(P_n^0 \circ g)(e^{i\theta}) = e^{in\theta}$  and  $(P_n^0 \circ f)(e^{i\theta}) = n \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} b_{-m,n} e^{im\theta}$ , we obtain

$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \mathfrak{A}_{mk}^* (B_2)_{kn} = \delta_{mn},$$

i.e.  $\mathfrak{A}^* B_2 = \text{Id}$ . Similarly, let  $Q_n^0 = Q_n - Q_n(\infty)$ . By definition of Faber polynomials,  $(Q_n^0 \circ f)(e^{i\theta}) - e^{-in\theta} \in W_+$  for  $n \geq 1$ . We have on  $S^1$ ,

$$P_+ \hat{\Pi}(\gamma^{-1})((Q_n^0 \circ f)(e^{i\theta}) - e^{-in\theta}) = P_+ ((Q_n^0 \circ g) - (\gamma^{-1})^{-n}) = -P_+((\gamma^{-1})^{-n}).$$

Since  $-\mathfrak{B}(\gamma^{-1}) = \mathfrak{B}^t$ , we have  $-P_+((\gamma^{-1})^{-n})(e^{i\theta}) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \sqrt{\frac{n}{k}} \mathfrak{B}_{nk} e^{ik\theta}$ . Using  $Q_n^0(f(e^{i\theta})) - e^{-in\theta} = n \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} b_{-m,-n} e^{im\theta}$ , we obtain

$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \mathfrak{A}_{mk}^* (B_1)_{kn} = \mathfrak{B}_{nm},$$

i.e.,  $\mathfrak{A}^* B_1 = \mathfrak{B}^t$ , which is equivalent to  $B_1 = B_1^t = \mathfrak{B}\bar{\mathfrak{A}}^{-1}$ . Using  $B_3 = B_2^t$  and  $B_4(\gamma) = \overline{B_1(\gamma^{-1})}$  concludes the proof.  $\square$

**Corollary 6.2.** *The KYNS period mapping  $\Pi$  coincides with our period mapping  $\hat{\mathcal{P}}$  defined in Remark 3.11.*

*Proof.* Due to Proposition 6.1,  $B_1 = \mathfrak{B}\bar{\mathfrak{A}}^{-1}$ .  $\square$

*Remark 6.3.* In [NS95] it was stated that the period mapping  $\Pi : T(1) \rightarrow \mathcal{D}_{\infty}$  is a holomorphic mapping of Banach manifolds. However, it was only shown that the induced mapping  $D\Pi$  of tangent spaces is complex linear injection, which is not enough to claim holomorphy for infinite dimensional manifolds. In Appendix B we prove that the mapping  $\hat{\mathcal{P}} : T(1) \rightarrow \mathcal{B}(\ell^2)$  is holomorphic, which completes the proof in [NS95].

Following G. Segal [Seg81], we introduce the subgroup  $\mathrm{Sp}_0(\mathcal{H})$  of the symplectic group  $\mathrm{Sp}(\mathcal{H})$  for which  $B \in \mathcal{S}_2(W_-, W_+)$  — the Hilbert space of Hilbert-Schmidt operators from  $W_-$  to  $W_+$ . The group  $\mathrm{Sp}_0(\mathcal{H})$  acts transitively on the restricted Siegel disc

$$\mathfrak{D}_\infty^0 = \mathfrak{D}_\infty \cap \mathcal{S}_2(W_-, W_+).$$

Corollaries 6.2 and 3.9 immediately imply the following result.

**Corollary 6.4.** *For  $[\mu] \in T(1)$ ,  $\Pi([\mu]) \in \mathfrak{D}_\infty^0$  if and only if  $[\mu] \in T_0(1)$ .*

*Remark 6.5.* In view of the above corollary, define the restricted period mapping

$$\Pi_0 = \Pi|_{T_0(1)} : T_0(1) \rightarrow \mathfrak{D}_\infty^0.$$

Since by Corollary 6.2  $\Pi_0 = \mathcal{P}$ , by Theorem 3.10  $\Pi_0$  is a holomorphic mapping of Hilbert manifolds. The homogeneous space  $\mathfrak{D}_\infty^0$  carries a natural  $\mathrm{Sp}_0(\mathcal{H})$ -invariant Kähler metric with the Kähler potential  $\Phi(Z) = \log \mathrm{Det}(1 - Z\bar{Z})$ . It was first shown by Kirillov and Yuriev [KY88] and later by Nag [Nag92] that the pullback of this metric to  $\mathrm{Möb}(S^1) \setminus \mathrm{Diff}_+(S^1)$  by the period mapping coincides, up to a constant, with the Weil-Petersson metric. It immediately follows from Corollary 6.2 that

$$S_2 = \log \mathrm{Det}(I - Z\bar{Z}),$$

so that the pullback of the natural Kähler metric on  $\mathfrak{D}_\infty^0$  by the restricted period mapping to  $T_0(1)$  coincides, up to a constant, with the Weil-Petersson metric on  $T_0(1)$ . Thus we have established the relations between all natural potential functions on  $T_0(1)$ : up to a constant factor, they are indeed all equal!

## 6.2. Embeddings into the Segal-Wilson universal Grassmannian.

Let  $\mathcal{V}$  be an infinite-dimensional separable complex Hilbert space and let

$$\mathcal{V} = V_+ \oplus V_-$$

be its decomposition into the direct sum of infinite-dimensional closed subspaces  $V_+$  and  $V_-$ . The Segal-Wilson universal Grassmannian  $\mathrm{Gr}(\mathcal{V})$  [SW85, PS86] is defined as a set of closed subspaces  $W$  of  $\mathcal{V}$  satisfying the following conditions.

**UG1.** The orthogonal projection  $\mathrm{pr}_+ : W \rightarrow V_+$  is a Fredholm operator.

**UG2.** The orthogonal projection  $\mathrm{pr}_- : W \rightarrow V_-$  is a Hilbert-Schmidt operator.

Equivalently,  $W \in \mathrm{Gr}(\mathcal{V})$ , if  $W$  is the image of an operator  $w : V_+ \rightarrow W$  such that  $\mathrm{pr}_+ w$  is Fredholm and  $\mathrm{pr}_- w$  is Hilbert-Schmidt. The Segal-Wilson Grassmannian  $\mathrm{Gr}(\mathcal{V})$  is a Hilbert manifold modeled on the Hilbert space  $\mathcal{S}_2(V_+, V_-)$  of Hilbert-Schmidt operators from  $V_+$  to  $V_-$ .

For our purposes, let  $\mathcal{V} = \mathcal{H}_\mathbb{C}$  and  $V_+ = W_-$ ,  $V_- = W_+$ . To every  $[\mu] \in T_0(1)$  we associate a closed subspace  $W_\mu \subset \mathcal{H}_\mathbb{C}$  spanned by the functions  $w_n(e^{i\theta}) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} Q_n(f^\mu(e^{i\theta}))$ , where  $w_\mu = g_\mu^{-1} \circ f^\mu$  is the corresponding

conformal welding. Explicitly, in terms of the basis  $\{e_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \cup \{f_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  of  $\mathcal{H}_{\mathbb{C}}$ ,

$$w_n = f_n + \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \sqrt{nm} b_{-n, -m} e_m, \quad n \in \mathbb{N}.$$

We have  $W_{\mu} = w(V_+)$ , where  $w(f_n) = w_n$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Thus the mapping  $\text{pr}_+ w = I$  — the identity operator on  $V_+$ , is obviously Fredholm, and the mapping  $\text{pr}_- w = B_1(f^{\mu})$  is Hilbert-Schmidt since  $[\mu] \in T_0(1)$ . According to Theorem 3.10, the mapping

$$\mathcal{E} : T_0(1) \rightarrow \text{Gr}(\mathcal{H}_{\mathbb{C}})$$

given by  $\mathcal{E}([\mu]) = W_{\mu}$  is a holomorphic inclusion of  $T_0(1)$  into the Segal-Wilson universal Grassmannian. For the homogeneous space  $\text{Möb}(S^1) \setminus \text{Diff}_+(S^1)$  this mapping was first considered in [KY88].

*Remark 6.6.* Seemingly another mapping of  $\text{Möb}(S^1) \setminus \text{Diff}_+(S^1)$  into the Segal-Wilson Grassmannian was considered in [STZ99]. Namely, extend  $\mu \in L^{\infty}(\mathbb{D}^*)$  by zero to  $\mathbb{D}$  and let  $V_{\mu}$  be the space of distributional solutions of the Beltrami equation  $w_{\bar{z}} = \mu w_z$  on  $\mathbb{C}$  having a single pole at 0. The mapping in [STZ99] was defined by the assignment  $[\mu] \rightarrow V_{\mu}|_{S^1}$ . It is easy to see that the space  $V_{\mu}$  is spanned by the functions  $w_n(z) = Q_n(f^{\mu})(z)$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , so that  $V_{\mu}|_{S^1} = W_{\mu}$  and the mapping in [STZ99] coincides with the Kirillov-Yuriev mapping [KY88].

*Remark 6.7.* The inclusion  $\mathcal{E} : T_0(1) \rightarrow \text{Gr}(\mathcal{H}_{\mathbb{C}})$  is a holomorphic mapping due to the holomorphic dependence of  $f^{\mu}$  on  $\mu$ . Since  $f^{\mu}$  is holomorphic on  $\mathbb{D}$ , the subspaces  $W_{\mu}$  correspond to the different uniformizations of the same Riemann surface  $\Omega = f^{\mu}(\mathbb{D}) \simeq \mathbb{D}$ . However, one can consider another mapping where the associated subspaces in the universal Grassmannian correspond to Riemann surfaces of different complex structure. Namely, set, as before,  $\mathcal{V} = \mathcal{H}_{\mathbb{C}}$  and let  $V_+ = W_+$  and  $V_- = W_-$ . We denote the corresponding Segal-Wilson Grassmannian by  $\widetilde{\text{Gr}}(\mathcal{H}_{\mathbb{C}})$ , and define the mapping

$$\tilde{\mathcal{E}} : T_0(1) \rightarrow \widetilde{\text{Gr}}(\mathcal{H}_{\mathbb{C}})$$

by assigning to every point  $[\mu] \in T_0(1)$  the closed subspace  $\tilde{W}_{\mu} \subset \mathcal{H}_{\mathbb{C}}$  spanned by the functions  $\tilde{w}_n(e^{i\theta}) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} P_n(g_{\mu}(e^{i\theta}))$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . We have  $\tilde{W}_{\mu} = \tilde{w}(V_+)$ , where  $\tilde{w}(e_n) = \tilde{w}_n$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , and  $\text{pr}_+ \tilde{w} = I$  — the identity operator on  $V_+$  and  $\text{pr}_- \tilde{w} = B_4(g_{\mu})$  is Hilbert-Schmidt since  $[\mu] \in T_0(1)$ . The mapping  $\tilde{\mathcal{E}}$  is not holomorphic. However, since  $JW_+ = W_-$ , where  $J$  is the standard conjugation operator on  $\mathcal{H}_{\mathbb{C}}$ , we have  $\widetilde{\text{Gr}}(\mathcal{H}_{\mathbb{C}}) = J(\text{Gr}(\mathcal{H}_{\mathbb{C}}))$ , so that  $\widetilde{\text{Gr}}(\mathcal{H}_{\mathbb{C}})$  is a mirror image of  $\text{Gr}(\mathcal{H}_{\mathbb{C}})$ . Denoting by  $\mathcal{I}$  the inversion on the topological group  $T_0(1)$ , we get

$$\tilde{\mathcal{E}} = J \circ \mathcal{E} \circ \mathcal{I}.$$

*Remark 6.8.* One can describe the “Schottky locus”, i.e., the image  $\mathcal{E}(T_0(1))$  in the Segal-Wilson Grassmannian  $\text{Gr}(\mathcal{H}_{\mathbb{C}})$ . Indeed, since the corresponding points in  $\text{Gr}(\mathcal{H}_{\mathbb{C}})$  are associated with the Grunsky operators  $B_1$ , it is equivalent to the characterization of the image of the restricted period map  $\Pi_0 : T_0(1) \rightarrow \mathfrak{D}_{\infty}^0$ . Let  $C = \{C_{mn}\}_{m,n \in \mathbb{N}} \in \mathfrak{D}_{\infty}^0$ , which we realized as symmetric, Hilbert-Schmidt operator on  $\ell^2$  satisfying  $I - C\bar{C} > 0$ . Then  $C \in \Pi_0(T_0(1))$  if and only if the the following conditions are satisfied.

**S1.**

$$1 + \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{C_{m1}}{\sqrt{m}} \frac{z_1^m - z_2^m}{z_1^{-1} - z_2^{-1}} = \exp \left( - \sum_{m,n=1}^{\infty} \frac{C_{mn}}{\sqrt{mn}} z_1^m z_2^n \right).$$

**S2.** There exist  $D = \{D_{mn}\}_{m,n \in \mathbb{N}} \in \mathfrak{D}_{\infty}^0$  and  $B \in \mathcal{B}(\ell^2)$  such that

$$I - C\bar{C} = BB^* \quad \text{and} \quad I - D\bar{D} = \bar{B}^* \bar{B}.$$

**S3.**

$$1 + \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{D_{m1}}{\sqrt{m}} \frac{z_1^{-m} - z_2^{-m}}{z_1 - z_2} = \exp \left( - \sum_{m,n=1}^{\infty} \frac{D_{mn}}{\sqrt{mn}} z_1^{-m} z_2^{-n} \right).$$

Equations **S1** and **S3** are understood as infinite sequence of relations between elements of the matrices  $C$  and  $D$  obtained by comparing coefficients of  $z_1^m z_2^n$  and  $z_1^{-m} z_2^{-n}$  respectively. Equations **S1** and **S3** are nothing but dispersionless Hirota equations (see, e.g., [Teo03]). They are just a reformulation of the definition of the Grunsky coefficients of the univalent functions  $f$  and  $g$  and the identities

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{f(z)} + c &= Q_1(f(z)) = \frac{1}{z} + \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} b_{-1,-m} z^m, \\ \frac{g(z)}{b} + d &= P_1(g(z)) = z + \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} b_{1m} z^{-m}, \end{aligned}$$

where  $c$  and  $d$  are constants. See [Teo03] for details.

#### APPENDIX A. HILBERT MANIFOLD STRUCTURE OF $\mathcal{T}_0(1)$

Here we show that the Hilbert manifold  $\mathcal{T}_0(1)$ , modeled on the Hilbert space  $A_2(\mathbb{D}) \oplus \mathbb{C}$ , can also be modeled on the Hilbert space  $A_2^1(\mathbb{D})$ , which induce the same Hilbert manifold structure. This result is parallel to the one in the Appendix of [Teo02].

Let  $\beta$  be the Bers embedding  $\mathcal{T}(1) \hookrightarrow A_{\infty}(\mathbb{D}) \oplus \mathbb{C}$ ,

$$\mathcal{T}(1) \ni \gamma = g^{-1} \circ f \mapsto (\mathcal{S}(f), \tfrac{1}{2}\mathcal{A}(f)(0)),$$

and let  $\hat{\beta} : \mathcal{T}(1) \rightarrow A_{\infty}^1(\mathbb{D})$  be the pre-Bers embedding of  $\mathcal{T}(1)$  into  $A_{\infty}^1(\mathbb{D})$ ,

$$\mathcal{T}(1) \ni \gamma = g^{-1} \circ f \mapsto \mathcal{A}(f).$$

By Theorem 2.12,  $\hat{\beta}(\gamma) \in A_2^1(\mathbb{D})$  if and only if  $\gamma \in \mathcal{T}_0(1)$ .

**Lemma A.1.** *The map  $\widehat{\Psi} : A_2^1(\mathbb{D}) \rightarrow A_2(\mathbb{D}) \oplus \mathbb{C}$ ,*

$$\widehat{\Psi}(\psi) = \left( \Psi(\psi), \frac{1}{2}\psi(0) \right),$$

*where  $\Psi(\psi) = \psi_z - \frac{1}{2}\psi^2$ , is a one to one holomorphic mapping on Hilbert spaces.*

*Proof.* Firstly, the map  $\Psi : A_2^1(\mathbb{D}) \rightarrow A_2(\mathbb{D})$  is holomorphic. That is, for every  $\psi, \varphi \in A_2^1(\mathbb{D})$ , the map  $\mathbb{C} \ni t \mapsto \Psi(\psi + t\varphi)$  is holomorphic in a neighbourhood of  $0 \in \mathbb{C}$ . Indeed,

$$\begin{aligned} & \left\| \frac{\Psi(\psi + t\varphi) - \Psi(\psi + t_0\varphi)}{t - t_0} - \frac{d}{dt} \Big|_{t=t_0} \Psi(\psi + t\varphi) \right\|_{A_2(\mathbb{D})} \\ &= \frac{|t - t_0|}{2} \|\varphi^2\|_{A_2(\mathbb{D})} \leq \frac{|t - t_0|}{4} \|\varphi\|_{A_\infty^1(\mathbb{D})} \|\varphi\|_{A_2^1(\mathbb{D})} = O(|t - t_0|). \end{aligned}$$

Secondly, by Lemma 2.3,

$$|\psi(0)| \leq \sqrt{\frac{1}{\pi}} \|\psi\|_{A_2^1(\mathbb{D})},$$

so that  $\psi \mapsto \frac{1}{2}\psi(0)$  is a bounded complex-linear map. The injectivity of  $\widehat{\Psi}$  has been proved in the Appendix of [Teo02].  $\square$

**Corollary A.2.** *The set  $\hat{\beta}(\mathcal{T}_0(1)) \subset A_2^1(\mathbb{D})$  is open in  $A_2^1(\mathbb{D})$ .*

*Proof.* It readily follows from the results in Section 3.3 of Part I that  $\beta(\mathcal{T}_0(1))$  is open in  $A_2(\mathbb{D}) \oplus \mathbb{C}$ . The assertion now follows from the lemma above since  $\hat{\beta}(\mathcal{T}_0(1)) = \widehat{\Psi}^{-1}(\beta(\mathcal{T}_0(1)))$ .  $\square$

**Theorem A.3.** *The embeddings  $\beta : \mathcal{T}_0(1) \hookrightarrow A_2(\mathbb{D}) \oplus \mathbb{C}$  and  $\hat{\beta} : \mathcal{T}_0(1) \hookrightarrow A_2^1(\mathbb{D})$  induce the same Hilbert manifold structure on  $\mathcal{T}_0(1)$ .*

*Proof.* The map  $\widehat{\Psi} : \hat{\beta}(\mathcal{T}_0(1)) \rightarrow \beta(\mathcal{T}_0(1))$  is a holomorphic bijection between complex manifolds. To show that  $\widehat{\Psi}$  is biholomorphic, by inverse function theorem (see, e.g., [Lan95]) we need to prove that for every  $\psi \in \hat{\beta}(\mathcal{T}_0(1))$  the linear map  $D_\psi \widehat{\Psi}$  is a topological isomorphism between the Hilbert spaces  $A_2^1(\mathbb{D})$  and  $A_2(\mathbb{D}) \oplus \mathbb{C}$ . Let  $\gamma = g^{-1} \circ f \in \mathcal{T}_0(1)$  and  $\psi = \mathcal{A}(f) \in \hat{\beta}(\mathcal{T}_0(1))$ . The linear map  $D_\psi \widehat{\Psi} : A_2^1(\mathbb{D}) \rightarrow A_2(\mathbb{D}) \oplus \mathbb{C}$  is given by

$$\varphi \mapsto \left( \varphi_z - \psi\varphi, \frac{1}{2}\varphi(0) \right).$$

For every  $(\phi, c) \in A_2(\mathbb{D}) \oplus \mathbb{C}$ , the holomorphic function  $\varphi$  on  $\mathbb{D}$ , defined by

$$\varphi(z) = f'(z) \left( \int_0^z \frac{\phi(u)}{f'(u)} du + 2c \right),$$

satisfies

$$\varphi_z - \psi\varphi = \phi \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{1}{2}\varphi(0) = c.$$



We claim that  $\varphi \in A_2^1(\mathbb{D})$ , so that the map  $D_\psi \hat{\Psi}$  is onto. Indeed, repeating the proof of Lemma 2.11, we get for  $z \in \mathbb{D}$ ,

$$|\phi(z)|^2 \geq \frac{1}{2}|\varphi_z|^2 - |\psi(z)|^2|\varphi(z)|^2.$$

By Becker-Pommerenke theorem, there exists  $r' > 0$  such that

$$|(1 - |z|^2)\psi(z)| \leq \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}} \quad \text{for all } r' < |z| < 1.$$

Thus for  $r' < |z| < 1$ ,

$$2(1 - |z|^2)^2|\phi(z)|^2 \geq (1 - |z|^2)^2|\varphi_z(z)|^2 - \frac{1}{4}|\varphi(z)|^2,$$

and the result follows as in the proof of Lemma 2.11. Uniqueness theorem for differential equations guarantees that the map  $D_\psi \hat{\Psi}$  is one-to-one. Finally, by using the same arguments as in the proof of Lemma 2.5 and Lemma 2.3, there exists  $C > 0$  such that for all  $\varphi \in A_2^1(\mathbb{D})$ ,

$$\|D_\psi \hat{\Psi}(\varphi)\|_{A_2(\mathbb{D})} \leq C\|\varphi\|_{A_2^1(\mathbb{D})}.$$

Hence  $D_\psi \hat{\Psi}$  is a bounded linear bijection between Hilbert spaces.  $\square$

**Corollary A.4.** *Let  $\{\gamma_n\}_{n=1}^\infty$  be a sequence of points in  $\mathcal{T}_0(1)$ ,  $\gamma_n = g_n^{-1} \circ f_n$ , and let  $\gamma = g^{-1} \circ f \in \mathcal{T}_0(1)$ . Then the following conditions are equivalent.*

(i) *In  $\mathcal{T}_0(1)$  topology,*

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \gamma_n = \gamma.$$

(ii) *In  $A_2^1(\mathbb{D})$  topology,*

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mathcal{A}(f_n)(z) = \mathcal{A}(f)(z).$$

(iii) *In  $A_2^1(\mathbb{D}^*)$  topology,*

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \mathcal{A}(g_n)(z) - 2\frac{g'_n(z)}{g_n(z)} + \frac{2}{z} \right) = \mathcal{A}(g)(z) - 2\frac{g'(z)}{g(z)} + \frac{2}{z}.$$

*Proof.* The equivalence (i)  $\Leftrightarrow$  (ii) follows from Theorem A.3. Since  $\mathcal{T}_0(1)$  is a topological group,  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \gamma_n = \gamma$  if and only if  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \gamma_n^{-1} = \gamma^{-1}$ . Now let  $j(z) = \frac{1}{\bar{z}}$  and let  $r$  be the dilation  $z \mapsto \overline{g'(\infty)} z$ . We have  $\gamma^{-1} = \tilde{g}^{-1} \circ \tilde{f}$ , where  $\tilde{f} = r \circ j \circ g \circ j$  and

$$\mathcal{A}(\tilde{f}) = \mathcal{A}(r \circ j \circ g \circ j) = \overline{\left( \mathcal{A}(g) - 2\frac{g'}{g} + 2\bar{j} \right)} \circ jj_{\bar{z}},$$

so that the equivalence (i)  $\Leftrightarrow$  (iii) follows from the equivalence (i)  $\Leftrightarrow$  (ii).  $\square$

Next, consider the mappings  $\beta^* : \mathcal{T}_0(1) \rightarrow A_2(\mathbb{D}^*)$ ,

$$\beta^*(\gamma) = \overline{\beta(\gamma^{-1})} \circ jj_{\bar{z}}^2 = \mathcal{S}(g),$$

and  $\hat{\beta}^* : \mathcal{T}_0(1) \rightarrow A_2^1(\mathbb{D}^*)$ ,

$$\hat{\beta}^*(\gamma) = \mathcal{A}(g),$$

where  $\gamma = g^{-1} \circ f \in \mathcal{T}_0(1)$ . Also, consider the mapping  $\Psi^* : A_2^1(\mathbb{D}^*) \rightarrow A_2(\mathbb{D}^*)$ , defined by

$$\Psi^*(\psi) = \psi_z - \frac{1}{2}\psi^2,$$

and let

$$\widetilde{A}_2^1(\mathbb{D}^*) = \left\{ \psi \in A_2^1(\mathbb{D}^*) : \psi(z) = O\left(\frac{1}{z^3}\right) \text{ as } z \rightarrow \infty \right\}.$$

We have the following result.

**Lemma A.5.**

- (i) *The map  $\Psi^* : A_2^1(\mathbb{D}^*) \rightarrow A_2(\mathbb{D}^*)$  is a holomorphic mapping on Hilbert spaces and its restriction to the subspace  $\widetilde{A}_2^1(\mathbb{D}^*)$  is injective.*
- (ii) *The set  $\hat{\beta}^*(\mathcal{T}_0(1)) = \hat{\beta}^*(T_0(1))$  is open in  $A_2^1(\mathbb{D}^*)$ .*

*Proof.* Holomorphy of  $\Psi^*$  is proved along the same lines as Lemma A.1. From the proof of Theorem A.5 in [Teo02] it follows that the restriction of the map  $\Psi^*$  to the subspace  $\widetilde{A}_2^1(\mathbb{D}^*)$  is one to one. To prove part (ii), observe that  $\beta^* = \Psi^* \circ \hat{\beta}^*$  and  $\beta^*(\mathcal{T}_0(1)) = \beta^*(T_0(1))$ . Since  $\hat{\beta}^*(\mathcal{T}_0(1)), \hat{\beta}^*(T_0(1)) \in \widetilde{A}_2^1(\mathbb{D}^*)$  and the restriction of  $\Psi^*$  to  $\widetilde{A}_2^1(\mathbb{D}^*)$  is injective, we have the equality  $\hat{\beta}^*(\mathcal{T}_0(1)) = \hat{\beta}^*(T_0(1))$ . The proof that this set is open in  $A_2^1(\mathbb{D}^*)$  is analogous to the proof of Corollary A.2.  $\square$

**Corollary A.6.** *Let  $\{\gamma_n\}_{n=1}^\infty$ ,  $\gamma_n = g_n^{-1} \circ f_n$ , be a sequence of points in  $\mathcal{T}_0(1)$  such that*

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \gamma_n = \gamma = g^{-1} \circ f \in \mathcal{T}_0(1).$$

*Then the following statements hold.*

- (i) *In  $A_2(\mathbb{D}^*)$  topology,*

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mathcal{S}(g_n) = \mathcal{S}(g).$$

- (ii) *In  $A_2^1(\mathbb{D}^*)$  topology,*

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mathcal{A}(g_n) = \mathcal{A}(g).$$

*Proof.* Since  $\mathcal{T}_0(1)$  is a topological group,  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \gamma_n^{-1} = \gamma^{-1} = \tilde{g}^{-1} \circ \tilde{f}$ . We have  $\tilde{f} = r \circ j \circ g \circ j$ , so that

$$\mathcal{S}(\tilde{f}) = \overline{\mathcal{S}(g) \circ jj_z^2},$$

which proves part (i). Part (ii) follows from Lemma A.5.  $\square$

## APPENDIX B. THE PERIOD MAPPING $\hat{\mathcal{P}}$

Let  $\mathcal{S}_\infty$  be the closed ideal of compact operators in the Banach algebra  $\mathcal{B}(\ell^2)$  of bounded operators on  $\ell^2$ . Here we prove that the period mapping  $\hat{\mathcal{P}} : T(1) \rightarrow \mathcal{B}(\ell^2)$ , defined in Remark 3.11, is a holomorphic mapping of complex Banach manifolds and that

$$\hat{\mathcal{P}}^{-1}(\mathcal{S}_\infty) = S = \text{Möb}(S^1) \setminus \text{Homeo}_s(S^1).$$

**Theorem B.1.** *The inclusion  $\hat{\mathcal{P}} : T(1) \rightarrow \mathcal{B}(\ell^2)$  is a holomorphic mapping of Banach manifolds.*

*Proof.* As in the proof of Theorem 3.10, we will show that for every  $[\nu] \in T(1)$  and  $\mu \in \Omega^{-1,1}(\mathbb{D}^*)$ , the map  $\mathbb{C} \ni t \mapsto B_1(t) = B_1(f^{\nu+t\mu})$  is holomorphic in a neighborhood of  $t = 0$  in  $\mathbb{C}$ . Choose  $\delta > 0$  so that  $\|\nu + t\mu\|_\infty < 1$  for all  $|t| < \delta$ . For every  $t_0$  such that  $|t_0| < \delta$ , let  $\delta_1$  be such that  $0 < \delta_1 < \delta - |t_0|$ . Then for all  $|t - t_0| < \delta_1$ , we have as in Theorem 3.10,

$$\begin{aligned} & \left( K_1^{\nu+t\mu} - K_1^{\nu+t_0\mu} - (t - t_0) \frac{d}{dt} \Big|_{t=t_0} K_1^{\nu+t\mu} \right) (z, w) \\ &= \frac{(t - t_0)^2}{2\pi i} \oint_{|\zeta - t_0| = \delta_1} \frac{K_1^{\nu+\zeta\mu}(z, w)}{(\zeta - t)(\zeta - t_0)^2} d\zeta. \end{aligned}$$

This gives

$$\begin{aligned} & \left\| \frac{B_1(f^{\nu+t\mu}) - B_1(f^{\nu+t_0\mu})}{t - t_0} - \frac{d}{dt} \Big|_{t=t_0} B_1(f^{\nu+t\mu}) \right\| \\ &= \sup_{\|u\|_2=1} \left( \iint_{\mathbb{D}} \left| \iint_{\mathbb{D}} \frac{t - t_0}{2\pi i} \oint_{|\zeta - t_0| = \delta_1} \frac{K_1^{\nu+\zeta\mu}(z, w) \overline{u(w)}}{(\zeta - t)(\zeta - t_0)^2} d\zeta d^2 w \right|^2 d^2 z \right)^{1/2} \\ &\leq \frac{|t - t_0|}{2\pi} \sup_{\|u\|_2=1} \left( \iint_{\mathbb{D}} \left( \oint_{|\zeta - t_0| = \delta_1} \frac{|d\zeta|}{|\zeta - t|^2 |\zeta - t_0|^4} \right) \right. \\ &\quad \left. \left( \oint_{|\zeta - t_0| = \delta_1} \left| \iint_{\mathbb{D}} K_1^{\nu+\zeta\mu}(z, w) \overline{u(w)} d^2 w \right|^2 |d\zeta| \right) d^2 z \right)^{1/2} \\ &= \frac{|t - t_0|}{2\pi} \left( \oint_{|\zeta - t_0| = \delta_1} \frac{|d\zeta|}{|\zeta - t|^2 |\zeta - t_0|^4} \right)^{1/2} \sup_{\|u\|_2=1} \left( \oint_{|\zeta - t_0| = \delta_1} \|K_1^{\nu+\zeta\mu} \bar{u}\|_2^2 |d\zeta| \right)^{1/2}. \end{aligned}$$

Since  $\|K_1\| < 1$ , we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} & \left\| \frac{B_1(f^{\nu+t\mu}) - B_1(f^{\nu+t_0\mu})}{t - t_0} - \frac{d}{dt} \Big|_{t=t_0} B_1(f^{\nu+t\mu}) \right\| \\ &\leq \frac{|t - t_0|}{2\pi} \left( \oint_{|\zeta - t_0| = \delta_1} \frac{|d\zeta|}{|\zeta - t|^2 |\zeta - t_0|^4} \oint_{|\zeta - t_0| = \delta_1} |d\zeta| \right)^{1/2} \\ &= O(t - t_0) \quad \text{as } t \rightarrow t_0. \end{aligned}$$

□

To prove that  $\hat{\mathcal{P}}(S) \subset \mathcal{S}_\infty$ , we first give a characterization of the submanifold  $S = \text{Möb}(S^1) \backslash \text{Homeo}_s(S^1)$  of  $T(1)$ . It has been shown by Gardiner and Sullivan [GS92] that  $\beta(S) = A_\infty^0(\mathbb{D}) \cap \beta(T(1))$ , where  $\beta : T(1) \rightarrow A_\infty(\mathbb{D})$  is

the Bers embedding and  $A_\infty^0(\mathbb{D})$  is the subspace of the Banach space  $A_\infty(\mathbb{D})$ , defined by

$$A_\infty^0(\mathbb{D}) = \left\{ \phi \in A_\infty(\mathbb{D}) : \lim_{|z| \rightarrow 1^-} (1 - |z|^2)^2 \phi(z) = 0 \right\}.$$

Analogous to Theorem A.1 in Part I, we have the following result.

**Lemma B.2.** *The closure of the homogeneous space  $\text{Möb}(S^1) \setminus \text{Diff}_+(S^1) \subset T(1)$  in the Banach manifold topology is the Banach submanifold  $S$  of  $T(1)$ .*

*Proof.* For  $\phi \in A_\infty^0(\mathbb{D}) \cap \beta(T(1))$ , let  $\phi_n = \phi \circ r_n$ , where  $r_n$  is the dilation  $z \mapsto \frac{n}{n+1}z$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Since  $\phi \in A_\infty^0(\mathbb{D})$ , for every  $\varepsilon > 0$  there exists  $0 < r < 1$  such that

$$\sup_{r \leq |z| \leq 1} (1 - |z|^2)^2 |\phi(z)| < \frac{\varepsilon}{4}.$$

Thus there exists  $N'$  such that

$$\sup_{r' \leq |z| \leq 1} (1 - |z|^2)^2 |\phi_n(z)| < \frac{\varepsilon}{4}$$

for  $n > N'$ , where  $r' = \frac{1+r}{2}$ . The sequence  $\{\phi_n\}$  converges uniformly to  $\phi$  on compact subsets of  $\mathbb{D}$ , so that there exists  $N''$  such that

$$\sup_{|z| \leq r'} (1 - |z|^2)^2 |\phi_n(z) - \phi(z)| < \frac{\varepsilon}{2} \quad \text{for } n > N''.$$

Thus  $\|\phi_n - \phi\|_\infty < \varepsilon$  for  $n > N = \max\{N', N''\}$ , so that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \phi_n = \phi$$

in the  $A_\infty(\mathbb{D})$  topology. Since  $\beta(T(1))$  is open in  $A_\infty(\mathbb{D})$ ,  $\phi_n \in \beta(T(1))$  for large enough  $n$ . The functions  $\phi_n$  are smooth on  $S^1$  (in fact analytic), so that corresponding  $\gamma_n \in \text{Möb}(S^1) \setminus \text{Homeo}_{qs}(S^1)$  are also smooth on  $S^1$ . This proves that  $\overline{\text{Möb}(S^1) \setminus \text{Diff}_+(S^1)} = S$ .  $\square$

*Remark B.3.* Together with Theorem A.1 in Part I, Lemma B.2 explains the distinguished role of the embedded manifold  $\text{Möb}(S^1) \setminus \text{Diff}_+(S^1) \hookrightarrow T(1)$  in Teichmüller theory. Its closure in  $T(1)$  under the Banach manifold topology is the Banach submanifold  $S$ , whereas its closure under the Hilbert manifold topology is the Hilbert submanifold  $T_0(1)$ .

**Theorem B.4.** *The image of the Banach submanifold  $S$  under the KYNS period mapping  $\hat{\mathcal{P}} : T(1) \rightarrow \mathcal{B}(\ell^2)$  is given by*

$$\hat{\mathcal{P}}(S) = \mathcal{S}_\infty \cap \hat{\mathcal{P}}(T(1)),$$

where  $\mathcal{S}_\infty$  is the space of compact operators on  $\ell^2$ .

*Proof.* It is easy to show that  $\hat{\mathcal{P}}(S) \subset \mathcal{S}_\infty$ . Indeed, by Theorem 3.6,  $\hat{\mathcal{P}}(\text{Möb}(S^1) \setminus \text{Diff}_+(S^1)) \subset \mathcal{S}_2 \subset \mathcal{S}_\infty$ . Since the mapping  $\hat{\mathcal{P}}$  is continuous (actually, holomorphic), using Lemma B.2 proves the claim.

To prove the converse inclusion  $\hat{\mathcal{P}}^{-1}(\mathcal{S}_\infty \cap \hat{\mathcal{P}}(T(1))) \subset S$ , we use methods developed by Brazilevic in [Bra65]. Let  $\mathcal{U}$  be the space of univalent functions on  $\mathbb{D}$ . Following [Bra65], consider the following function  $F : \mathcal{U} \times \mathcal{U} \times \mathbb{D} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ ,

$$F(f_1, f_2)(z) = \sqrt{\pi}(1 - |z|^2) \left( \iint_{\mathbb{D}} |K_1(f_1)(z, w) - K_1(f_2)(z, w)|^2 d^2w \right)^{1/2}.$$

When  $f_1 = f$  and  $f_2 = \text{id}$  — the identity mapping, we denote

$$F(f)(z) = F(f, \text{id})(z) = \sqrt{\pi}(1 - |z|^2)K_1(z, z)^{1/2}.$$

In [Bra65], Brazilevic has introduced a new metric on  $\mathcal{U}$ ,

$$d(f_1, f_2) = \sup_{z \in \mathbb{D}} F(f_1, f_2)(z),$$

and has shown that

$$\|\mathcal{S}(f_1) - \mathcal{S}(f_2)\|_\infty \leq 6d(f_1, f_2).$$

For fixed  $\zeta \in \mathbb{D}$ , consider the kernel

$$K_1(f)(z, \zeta) = \frac{1}{\pi} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n \left( \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} mb_{-n, -m} \zeta^{m-1} \right) z^{n-1}$$

as a holomorphic function on  $\mathbb{D}$ . By Grunsky inequality,

$$\begin{aligned} \|K_1(f)(\cdot, \zeta)\|_2^2 &= K_1(f)(\zeta, \zeta) = \frac{1}{\pi} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n \left| \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} mb_{-n, -m} \zeta^{m-1} \right|^2 \\ &\leq \frac{1}{\pi} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n |\zeta|^{2n-2} = \frac{1}{\pi(1 - |\zeta|^2)^2} < \infty, \end{aligned}$$

so that  $K_1(f)(\cdot, \zeta) \in A_2^1(\mathbb{D})$ . For fixed  $\zeta \in \mathbb{D}$  and  $f_1, f_2 \in \mathcal{U}$  we define

$$\psi(f_1, f_2; \zeta)(z) = K_1(f_1)(z, \zeta) - K_1(f_2)(z, \zeta).$$

Then  $\psi(f_1, f_2; \zeta) \in A_2^1(\mathbb{D})$ . For  $\psi(f_1, f_2; \zeta) \neq 0$  we set

$$u(f_1, f_2; \zeta) = \frac{\psi(f_1, f_2; \zeta)}{\|\psi(f_1, f_2; \zeta)\|_2},$$

and for  $\psi(f_1, f_2; \zeta) = 0$  we set  $u(f_1, f_2; \zeta) = 0$ . The following lemma generalizes Brazilevic's result [Bra65].

**Lemma B.5.** *For  $f_1, f_2 \in \mathcal{U}$  and  $z \in \mathbb{D}$ ,*

$$(1 - |z|^2)^2 |\mathcal{S}(f_1)(z) - \mathcal{S}(f_2)(z)| \leq 6F(f_1, f_2)(z) \leq 6\|K_1(f_1) - K_1(f_2)\|.$$

*Proof.* We use the same approach as in [Bra65]. Since for  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2 \in \text{PSL}(2, \mathbb{C})$ ,  $\mathcal{S}(\lambda_1 \circ f) = \mathcal{S}(f)$ ,  $K_1(\lambda_1 \circ f) = K_1(f)$ , and  $F(\lambda_1 \circ f_1, \lambda_2 \circ f_2)(z) = F(f_1, f_2)(z)$ ,

it is sufficient to consider only  $f \in \mathcal{U}$  normalized by  $f(0) = 0$  and  $f'(0) = 1$ . We have for fixed  $z \in \mathbb{D}$ ,

$$(1 - |z|^2)^2 \mathcal{S}(f)(z) = \mathcal{S}(\lambda(f)_z \circ f \circ \sigma_z)(0)$$

and

$$F(f_1, f_2)(z) = F(\lambda(f_1)_z \circ f_1 \circ \sigma_z, \lambda(f_2)_z \circ f_2 \circ \sigma_z)(0),$$

where  $\sigma_z \in \text{Möb}(S^1)$  and  $\lambda(f)_z \in \text{PSL}(2, \mathbb{C})$  are given by<sup>4</sup>

$$\sigma_z(w) = \frac{w + z}{1 + w\bar{z}} \quad \text{and} \quad \lambda(f)_z(w) = \frac{w - f(z)}{f'(z)(1 - |z|^2)}.$$

Since for a normalized  $f \in \mathcal{U}$  the univalent function  $\lambda(f)_z \circ f \circ \sigma_z$  is also normalized, for the first inequality we need only to show that for any normalized  $f \in \mathcal{U}$ ,

$$|\mathcal{S}(f_1)(0) - \mathcal{S}(f_2)(0)| \leq 6F(f_1, f_2)(0).$$

Since

$$\mathcal{S}(f)(z) = 6 \lim_{w \rightarrow z} \left( \frac{f'(z)f'(w)}{(f(z) - f(w))^2} - \frac{1}{(z - w)^2} \right) = -6 \sum_{n,m=1}^{\infty} nmb_{-n,-m} z^{n+m-2},$$

we have

$$|\mathcal{S}(f_1)(0) - \mathcal{S}(f_2)(0)| = 6|b_{-1,-1}(f_1) - b_{-1,-1}(f_2)|.$$

On the other hand, it is straightforward to compute that

$$\begin{aligned} F(f_1, f_2)^2(0) &= \pi \iint_{\mathbb{D}} |K_1(f_1)(0, w) - K_1(f_2)(0, w)|^2 d^2 w \\ &= \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} m |b_{-1,-m}(f_1) - b_{-1,-m}(f_2)|^2, \end{aligned}$$

and the first inequality follows.

Next we observe that

$$(B.1) \quad F(f_1, f_2)(z) = \sqrt{\pi} \|(K_1(f_1) - K_1(f_2)) \overline{u(f_1, f_2; z)}\|_{A_{\infty}^1(\mathbb{D})}.$$

Indeed, by Cauchy-Schwarz inequality,

$$\begin{aligned} & \left( (K_1(f_1) - K_1(f_2)) \overline{\psi(f_1, f_2; z)} \right) (w) \\ &= \iint_{\mathbb{D}} (K_1(f_1)(w, \zeta) - K_1(f_2)(w, \zeta)) \overline{(K_1(f_1)(\zeta, z) - K_1(f_2)(\zeta, z))} d^2 \zeta \\ &\leq \|\psi(f_1, f_2; z)\|_2 \|\psi(f_1, f_2; w)\|_2, \end{aligned}$$

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<sup>4</sup>Here subscript  $z$  does not denote a derivative.

with the equality for  $w = z$ . Hence

$$\begin{aligned} & \left\| (K_1(f_1) - K_1(f_2)) \overline{\psi(f_1, f_2; z)} \right\|_{A_\infty^1(\mathbb{D})} \\ &= (1 - |z|^2) \iint_{\mathbb{D}} |K_1(f_1)(\zeta, z) - K_1(f_2)(\zeta, z)|^2 d^2\zeta \\ &= (1 - |z|^2) \|\psi(f_1, f_2; z)\|_2^2 = F(f_1, f_2)(z) \frac{\|\psi(f_1, f_2; z)\|_2}{\sqrt{\pi}}. \end{aligned}$$

Finally, using (B.1) and the estimate in Lemma 2.3, we get

$$(B.2) \quad F(f_1, f_2)(z) \leq \|(K_1(f_1) - K_1(f_2)) \overline{\psi(f_1, f_2; z)}\|_2 \leq \|K_1(f_1) - K_1(f_2)\|.$$

□

*Remark B.6.* It immediately follows from Lemma B.5 that

$$\|\mathcal{S}(f_1) - \mathcal{S}(f_2)\|_\infty \leq 6d(f_1, f_2) \leq 6\|K_1(f_1) - K_1(f_2)\|,$$

which is a stronger version of Brazilevic's result [Bra65]. In case  $f_1 = f$  and  $f_2 = \text{id}$  we have

$$\|\mathcal{S}(f)\|_\infty \leq 6d(f) \leq 6\|K_1(f)\|,$$

where  $d(f) = d(f, \text{id})$ . Since  $\|K_1(f)\| \leq 1$ , where equality holds if and only if  $\mathbb{C} \setminus f(\mathbb{D})$  has Lebesgue measure zero, this recovers another result in [Bra65] that  $d(f) \leq 1$  for  $f \in \mathcal{U}$ , and  $d(f) = 1$  implies that  $\mathbb{C} \setminus f(\mathbb{D})$  has Lebesgue measure zero.

Given a normalized univalent function  $f : \mathbb{D} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ , let  $f_n : \mathbb{D} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  be the normalized univalent function defined by  $f_n = r_n^{-1} \circ f \circ r_n$ , where  $r_n$  is the dilation  $z \mapsto \frac{n}{n+1}z$ . Since  $f_n$  is analytic on  $S^1$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{|z| \rightarrow 1^-} (1 - |z|^2)^2 \mathcal{S}(f_n)(z) &= 0, \\ \lim_{|\zeta| \rightarrow 1^-} (1 - |\zeta|^2) K_1(f_n)(z, \zeta) &= 0, \end{aligned}$$

and also

$$\lim_{|\zeta| \rightarrow 1^-} \|(1 - |\zeta|^2) K_1(f_n)(\cdot, \zeta)\|_2^2 = \lim_{|\zeta| \rightarrow 1^-} (1 - |\zeta|^2)^2 K_1(f_n)(\zeta, \zeta) = 0.$$

**Lemma B.7.** *Let  $f : \mathbb{D} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  be a normalized univalent function and let  $\{f_n\}_{n=1}^\infty$  be the sequence of normalized univalent functions defined above. Then*

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} K_1(f_n) = K_1(f)$$

*in the strong operator topology.*

*Proof.* For  $\psi \in A_2^1(\mathbb{D})$  set  $\psi_n = r_n \circ \psi \circ r_n$ . It is elementary to show that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|\psi - \psi_n\|_2 = 0.$$

For  $(K_1(f)\bar{\psi})_n = r_n \circ (K_1(f)\bar{\psi}) \circ r_n$  we have,

$$K_1(f_n)\bar{\psi}_n = (K_1(f)\bar{\psi})_n - r_n \circ (K_1(f)\overline{\psi(1 - \chi_n)}) \circ r_n,$$

where  $\chi_n$  is the characteristic function of the disk  $\mathbb{D}_n = r_n(\mathbb{D})$ . Using this identity and the inequalities  $\|K_1(f)\| \leq 1$ ,  $\|\psi_n\|_2 \leq \|\psi\|_2$ , we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \|(K_1(f) - K_1(f_n))\bar{\psi}\|_2 &\leq \|K_1(f)\bar{\psi} - K_1(f_n)\bar{\psi}_n\|_2 + \|K_1(f_n)\overline{(\psi_n - \psi)}\|_2 \\ &\leq \|K_1(f)\bar{\psi} - (K_1(f)\bar{\psi})_n\|_2 + \|K_1(f)\overline{\psi(1 - \chi_n)}\|_2 + \|\psi - \psi_n\|_2 \\ &\leq \|K_1(f)\bar{\psi} - (K_1(f)\bar{\psi})_n\|_2 + \|\psi(1 - \chi_n)\|_2 + \|\psi - \psi_n\|_2. \end{aligned}$$

Since  $\psi \in A_2^1(\mathbb{D})$ ,

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|\psi(1 - \chi_n)\|_2 = 0,$$

and we get the assertion of the lemma.  $\square$

**Lemma B.8.** *Let  $\gamma = g^{-1} \circ f \in \mathcal{T}(1)$  be such that  $K_1(f)$  is a compact operator. Then for every sequence  $\{\zeta_m\}_{m=1}^\infty$  of points in  $\mathbb{D}$ , the corresponding sequence of functions  $\{u_m\}_{m=1}^\infty$  in  $A_2^1(\mathbb{D})$ , where*

$$u_m(z) = (1 - |\zeta_m|^2)K_1(f)(z, \zeta_m), \quad z \in \mathbb{D},$$

*contains a convergent subsequence in  $A_2^1(\mathbb{D})$ .*

*Proof.* Consider the following sequence of functions,

$$v_m(z) = z^{-2}(1 - |\zeta_m|^2)K_3(f)(z^{-1}, \zeta_m) \in A_2^1(\mathbb{D}).$$

Using the formula

$$\mathsf{K}_3(\zeta, \zeta) + \mathsf{K}_4(\zeta, \zeta) = \frac{1}{\pi(1 - |\zeta|^2)^2},$$

which follows from the operator identity  $\mathsf{K}_3 + \mathsf{K}_4 = I$ , and the inequality  $\mathsf{K}_4(\zeta, \zeta) \geq 0$ , we get

$$\|v_m\|_2^2 = (1 - |\zeta_m|^2)^2 \mathsf{K}_3(\zeta_m, \zeta_m) \leq \frac{1}{\pi}.$$

Now consider the operator  $\tilde{K}_3(f) : \overline{A_2^1(\mathbb{D})} \rightarrow A_2^1(\mathbb{D})$ , defined by the kernel

$$\tilde{K}_3(f)(z, w) = z^{-2}K_3(f)(z^{-1}, w).$$

In the standard basis for  $A_2^1(\mathbb{D})$  it is given by the matrix  $B_3(f)$  and, therefore, is a topological isomorphism. Setting  $K(f) = K_1(f)\tilde{K}_3(f)^{-1}$ , we get

$$u_m = K(f)v_m.$$

Since the operator  $K(f)$  is compact and the sequence  $\{v_m\}_{m=1}^\infty$  is bounded, the statement follows.  $\square$

Now we can finish the proof of the Theorem. Suppose that for  $[\mu] \in T(1)$  the corresponding operator  $K_1(f)$  is compact but  $[\mu] \notin S$ . According to



Remark 2.7, this implies that there exist  $\varepsilon > 0$  and a sequence  $\zeta_m \in \mathbb{D}$  satisfying

$$|\zeta_m| > 1 - \frac{1}{m} \quad \text{and} \quad (1 - |\zeta_m|^2)^2 |\mathcal{S}(f)(\zeta_m)| \geq \varepsilon.$$

By Lemma B.8, there exists a subsequence  $\zeta_{m_k}$  such that the sequence of functions

$$u_{m_k}(z) = (1 - |\zeta_{m_k}|^2) K_1(f)(z, \zeta_{m_k})$$

converges to  $u \in A_2^1(\mathbb{D})$  in  $A_2^1(\mathbb{D})$ . Since

$$\lim_{|\zeta| \rightarrow 1^-} (1 - |\zeta|^2) K_1(f_n)(z, \zeta) = 0,$$

for any  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , the sequence of functions

$$(1 - |\zeta_{m_k}|^2) \psi(f, f_n; \zeta_{m_k}) = (1 - |\zeta_{m_k}|^2) (K_1(f)(\cdot, \zeta_{m_k}) - K_1(f_n)(\cdot, \zeta_{m_k}))$$

also converges to  $u$  as  $k \rightarrow \infty$ . From Lemma B.5 and (B.2) we get the following inequality

$$(1 - |\zeta_{m_k}|^2)^2 |\mathcal{S}(f)(\zeta_{m_k}) - \mathcal{S}(f_n)(\zeta_{m_k})| \leq 6 \left\| (K_1(f) - K_1(f_n)) \overline{u(f, f_n; \zeta_{m_k})} \right\|_2,$$

which for  $\psi(f, f_n, \zeta_{m_k}) = 0$  is an equality. Now passing to the limit  $k \rightarrow \infty$  for fixed  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , we obtain

$$\varepsilon \leq 6 \left\| (K_1(f) - K_1(f_n)) \bar{u} \right\|_2,$$

where

$$u = \frac{u}{\|u\|_2} \neq 0.$$

However, according to Lemma B.7,

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left\| (K_1(f) - K_1(f_n)) \bar{u} \right\|_2 = 0.$$

This contradiction proves that  $[\mu] \in S$ . □

*Remark B.9.* For  $[\mu] \in S$  the proof of Lemma B.2 shows that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mathcal{S}(f_n) = \mathcal{S}(f)$$

in  $A_\infty(\mathbb{D})$  topology. Since the period mapping  $\hat{\mathcal{P}}$  is continuous,

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} K_1(f_n) = K_1(f)$$

in the norm topology on  $\mathcal{B}(\overline{A_2^1(\mathbb{D})}, A_2^1(\mathbb{D}))$ .

The following commutative diagram displays the properties of the tower of embedded manifolds  $T_0(1) \hookrightarrow S \hookrightarrow T(1)$  under the KYNS period mapping  $\hat{\mathcal{P}}$ , the pre-Bers embedding  $\hat{\beta}$  and the Bers embedding  $\beta = \Psi \circ \hat{\beta}$ ,

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
\mathcal{S}_2(\ell^2) & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{S}_\infty(\ell^2) & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{B}(\ell^2) \\
\uparrow \mathcal{P} & & \uparrow \hat{\mathcal{P}} & & \uparrow \hat{\mathcal{P}} \\
T_0(1) & \longrightarrow & S & \longrightarrow & T(1) \\
\downarrow \hat{\beta} & & \downarrow \hat{\beta} & & \downarrow \hat{\beta} \\
A_2^1(\mathbb{D}) & \longrightarrow & A_\infty^{1,0}(\mathbb{D}) & \longrightarrow & A_\infty^1(\mathbb{D}) \\
\downarrow \Psi & & \downarrow \Psi & & \downarrow \Psi \\
A_2(\mathbb{D}) & \longrightarrow & A_\infty^0(\mathbb{D}) & \longrightarrow & A_\infty(\mathbb{D})
\end{array}$$

Here  $A_\infty^{1,0}(\mathbb{D})$  is the closed subspace of  $A_\infty^1(\mathbb{D})$ , defined by

$$A_\infty^{1,0}(\mathbb{D}) = \left\{ \psi \in A_\infty^1(\mathbb{D}) : \lim_{|z| \rightarrow 1^-} (1 - |z|^2) \psi(z) = 0 \right\}.$$

All horizontal maps are embeddings, and all vertical maps are holomorphic mappings of Banach and Hilbert manifolds respectively. All these properties have been proved already, except for the simple fact  $\Psi(A_\infty^{1,0}(\mathbb{D})) \subset A_\infty^0(\mathbb{D})$ , which easily follows from Cauchy integral formula.

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